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RNLI fundraiser Marjorie braves the elements



ABOVE: Marjorie Abraham, with RNLI volunteers displaying some of her quilts. (Photograph by Steve Jones, Porthcawl).

MARJORIE ABRAHAM is a stalwart when it comes to raising money for the RNLI.

This year she has raised more than £5,350 by selling raffle tickets for her handmade patchwork quilts.

For the past 11 years, Marjorie and her friends have spent the winter

months armed with a needle and thread, busily making patchwork quilts. When spring arrives, she sits outside Porthcawl lifeboat station shop selling raffle tickets, giving purchasers the opportunity to win one of the beautiful quilts.

Marjorie, who lives in Porthcawl, said: "I am used to the weather conditions now after so

many years, but other than a good spring, the conditions have been fairly poor this year."

"What concerned me was that we would not have as many visitors braving the walk along the promenade to the lifeboat station, and this would reduce the number of tickets I could sell. You would think from the spring our weather would be dry and sunny, but alas this

is Porthcawl and unfortunately the sun doesn't always shine."

Marjorie also sells other items and would welcome any donations of second-hand books, DVDs, and photographs for her table.

Traditionally, at the end of September the crew and helpers applaud Marjorie's efforts and help her draw the lucky winners out of the bag.

Phil Missen, lifeboat operations manager at Porthcawl, said: "If it wasn't for people like Marjorie, our lifeboats would not be able to do the job they do. It's not only the crew who are volunteers, there is a vast team of dedicated people who go to huge lengths to bring in funds for the RNLI to keep our boats afloat.

"In her first year, Marjorie raised just under £300 and each year this has grown significantly. Her total now stands at just over a staggering £47,600.

On behalf of the RNLI, and Porthcawl in particular, I must thank Marjorie, her friends and all her supporters who call to buy tickets from her year after year. We on the operational side of the RNLI are very appreciative."

Two charged in murder inquiry

TWO men have appeared at Bridgend Magistrates Court charged with murder, following the death of a 41-year-old man in August.

Paul Robinson was assaulted in Channel View, Brackla, on June 16 and subsequently died on August 15.

Craig James, aged 23, of Lones Road, West Bromwich, and John Samuel Norfolk, aged 22, of The Chase, Brackla, entered no plea.

They were remanded for a hearing at Cardiff Crown Court today (October 6).

COUNCIL AND UNIONS ON COLLISION COURSE AFTER JOB PAY CHANGES

by PHILIP IRWIN

large reductions.

Steve Belcher said: "I know of one employee who is on £22,000 per annum, who is facing a cut to just £12,000!"

"We are also seeing couples who work for BCBC facing a cut in their joint income of up to £14,000."

He added that litter pickers, already on a low wage, had found their pay cut by £2,000.

Dave Macgregor said that negotiations would continue: "We have been working in partnership with trade union colleagues for a considerable time to develop our new pay structure."

"Under the proposals, 75 per cent of salaries will go up or stay the same. The majority of those who will benefit are our lower paid front-line staff such as care workers."

"The council wants to maintain jobs and minimise salary losses. For this reason, the proposals will be funded from a number of sources, including a reallocation of £3m from existing

budgets, reductions in salary levels for 25 per cent of council employees and changes in some pay-related terms and conditions.

"The council is doing while not increasing the this despite the acute council's overall level of spending.

"We remain committed to the provision of good public services

"This will allow us to meet our commitments, are all fairly paid."



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Castles and POW camps open history up to the public

LOST castles, famous ironworks and former World War Two prisoner-of-war camps are among the areas and locations that have been opened up to the public as part of the Open Doors initiative in Bridgend county borough.

Designed to give local people an opportunity to explore the area's rich history and heritage, Bridgend County Borough Council and the Civic Trust for Wales teamed up to offer a series of free events focusing on places and buildings that are not normally available to the public.

The events featured are; Oldcastle - A guided walk around one of the oldest parts of the town centre in search of evidence for a mysterious castle which is rumoured to have given the area its name.

Garw Railway - Guided tours of the locomotive works at Old Station Yard, an exhibition and talks on the various engines that have been restored or are undergoing work there and miniature locomotive rides on five-inch and 10-



The Island Farm POW Camp is one of the places in the Open Doors scheme

inch gauge tracks.

Garw Calon Lan - Guided walks exploring the mining heritage of the Blaengarw area and the story of Daniel James, the poet who wrote the famous hymn *Calon Lan*.

Bridgend town centre - A guided walk around Dunraven Place, the historical core of the town centre and the location of an award-winning townscape heritage initiative which is restoring local buildings to their former glory.

Court Colman - An open day at the historic former home of the Llywelyn family, which was associated with Margam Abbey, prominent in both Victorian and Edwardian times and still features a Tudor gateway leading to a garden house.

Bedford Ironworks and Cefn Junction Box - An exhibition at the restored signal box plus

guided walks exploring the industrial heritage of the local area, including the famous ironworks.

Hut Nine, Island Farm POW Camp - A rare opportunity to enter the compound at Hut Nine, all that remains of the former World War Two prisoner of war camp, and learn about its history.

RNLB lifeguards will be holding Surf Survival Clinics next week to teach local surfers of all abilities how to stay safe in the surf this winter.

Porthcawl is a popular spot for surfers to practise their skills, and after a successful safety session in August, the lifeguards are returning to the area.

The new clinics will be held on October 7-9. The clinics are free but spaces are limited.

Nicky Palmer, RNLI

Students strike a blow for 'Bee Power'

YOU won't believe the lengths a group of musical students have gone to to help an ailing insect!

Students from Bridgend College and pupils from Dolau Primary School have composed an original hip-hop song *Bee Power* to highlight the plight of the humble bumble bee, and to fundraise to save this incredible insect.

Two species of this vital pollinator have become extinct in Britain in the last 70 years, largely due to loss of habitat, and unless something is done, further extinctions will follow, with dire consequences; to quote Einstein: "If the bee disappears from the surface of the earth, man would have no more than four years to live."

The launch of *Bee Power* will take place in the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College, on Monday, October 17, at 10am, when the song will also be available to download for 79p on iTunes, Amazon MP3, Spotify, Medianet, emu-

sic, Zune, Rhapsody, Nokia, iheart radio, VerveLife and Tesco.

Bridgend's young eco-warriors hope to raise over £5,000 with 40,000 sales of *Bee Power* needed to chart at no.1. The money raised will go to the National Bumblebee Conservation Trust and Size of Wales.

The idea came about when lecturer Claire George encouraged her IT students to take up this project as part of the college's biodiversity strategy, and they joined forces with music production students and lecturer Adam Richards to produce the song.

Kyle Kemble, a Bridgend College student involved in the production of the track, explained why he was so excited to be part of *Bee Power*. He said: "Now we know just how much this planet's survival depends on the humble bumble bee, we want to do everything we can to raise awareness. That's why it would be brilliant if people downloaded our song and played it to their family and friends to create a real 'buzz'!"

CARAVANS AT LALESTON ON TV

IN this week's third episode of the BBC One Wales series that follows people in Wales who are passionate about their caravans, 0, follows Vince Owen, who is leading South Wales Caravan Club's attempt to win the biggest award in touring caravanning - the Inter-Centre Cup at the National Rally.

This year, the club also hosted this huge event in Laleston, Bridgend. The pro-

Remembering Bridgend troops as Afghanistan anniversary approaches

THIS October marks the 10th anniversary of British military operations in the Afghanistan conflict.

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) Force Help Bridgend will be remembering the anniversary and, in particular, the immeasurable sacrifices made by our servicemen, women and their families.

Since 2001, many members of our Armed Forces have given their lives and many more have been seriously injured, but it will be a long time before the full effect of the conflict on all those who have taken part is known.

As our soldiers, sailors and airmen

return home, some will be carrying physical and mental scars that will last a lifetime. For some, their long-term care will fall to families and friends who will often require support themselves.

In the months and years to come, SSAFA Force Help Bridgend will be here to help veterans and their families, young and old alike, including those who have served in Afghanistan.

It is important that we remember that the effects of war remain a long time after peace has been declared and that we all owe a debt of gratitude towards all those men and women from Bridgend who have served their nation regardless of personal sacrifice.

D Davies
(Mid Glamorgan Branch)

Stay safe in the surf!

SURFERS will get lessons on staying safe in the surf from Porthcawl lifeguards.

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The new clinics will be held on October 7-9. The clinics are free but spaces are limited.

Nicky Palmer, RNLI

lifeguard community engagement supervisor said: "We had a great response from the public when we held an RNLI Surf Survival Clinic at Porthcawl back in August.

"Spaces are limited, and since some people missed out on the previous clinic we wanted to return to the area and give more local surfers the chance to learn safety skills.

"It doesn't matter how experienced you are, you never know when you might get into trouble in the sea. It's always useful to know a few basic survival techniques and the Surf Survival Clinic

will be a great chance to develop your skills."

The clinics, which will coincide with the Surfing Festival held at Porthcawl, include a mixture of beach and water-based activities designed to help the surfers recognise potential hazards in the water as well as demonstrating basic rescue and first aid techniques. Each participant must be over 18 and surfers are advised to bring their own board and wetsuit.

For more information on the Surf Survival Clinic or to book a place contact Nicky Palmer on 07969 208076.

Son of Dutch soldier appeals to Porthcawl



I'M looking for information about the stay of Dutch troops in Porthcawl (Dan Y Graig) in the months from June to September in 1940.

On the internet I found a website <http://www.plasisa.co.uk>. The windows and the slope of the roof of a building shown on it looked very similar to the building on my father's picture - but it seemed not to be the building I was looking for.

Maybe you can help me now to find the right building and, if so, do you perhaps know the people on the picture I have sent.

I think they (except the soldiers of course) were the owners or members of the staff of the hotel. My father is the second person from the right side in the back row.

On the website of Kenfig.org.uk/waraydutchtroops, I found an article about the Princes Irene Brigade, which my father was serving with.

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News from Pencoed WI

THE Pencoed WI Charity Autumn Fayre is on Saturday, October 15, in the Welfare Hall, Pencoed, from 10am to 12 noon.

There will be a home baking stall, raffle, giant tombola and over 300 books.

Also leave time for browsing the bric-a-brac stall and trade stalls to do some early Christmas shopping.

There is no entrance charge, tea/coffee biscuits are 50p. Donations will be given to Porthcawl Lifeboats.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 13)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
06 Thur	03.22	7.5	16.02	7.8
07 Fri	04.45	7.9	17.12	8.2
08 Sat	05.39	8.2	18.07	8.9
09 Sun	06.31	8.8	18.49	9.1
10 Mon	07.11	9.2	19.26	9.4
11 Tues	07.47	9.5	20.01	9.6
12 Wed	08.16	9.6	20.33	9.8
13 Thur	08.47	9.5	21.05	9.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Bridge Club results

THE results for the recent bridge club evenings were:

September 28: First (equal), Mary Moore and Denis Mottram, and Mike Best and Liam Sheridan; third, Bill Turner and Marjorie Morris.

On Friday, September 30, north south: First, Bill Turner and Ray Smith; second, Linda Pinnock and Marjorie Morris; third, Jane Brook and Dennis Mottram.

East west: First, Norma and David Newman; second, John Henson and Terry Dolan; third, Mary Moore and Wendy Williams.

The club meets at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall and a warm welcome is assured for both new members and visitors.

A host system is running for those who don't have a partner on a Friday, and a partner-finder system operates on a Wednesday.

Full details on the club website; simply Google Bridgend Bridge Club.

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Charity gets help from Corrie's Mikey North



Healing The Wounds events organiser Amie Phillips pictured with Coronation Street actor Mikey North (AKA Gary Windass).

CORONATION Street star Mikey North (Gary Windass in Corrie) has become the latest celebrity to lend support to the Tondu-based Healing The Wounds charity.

Mikey praised the Welsh charity for its work with victims of PTSD, post traumatic stress disorder.

It is very appropriate for Mikey to support the charity as his Corrie character, Gary Windass, has been having an on-screen battle with PTSD.

Mikey found out about the work of Healing The Wounds when he met up with Amie Phillips, the events organiser with the charity, at a function at Cardiff

City Stadium.

The charity already has leading British actor Michael Sheen as its patron and recent celebrity supporters have included singer and actor Will Young and the world's greatest living explorer, Sir Ranulph Fiennes.

"It was great to meet up with Mikey and bring him up to speed with the work Healing The Wounds does as a charity to help people in Wales who have problems with PTSD," Amie said.

"Of course, Mikey himself is very aware of PTSD, having worked with the British Legion to research his storyline on Corrie.

"He said he would do his best to help promote awareness of the charity and wished us the best of luck in our endeavours to help people suffering from PTSD.

"He was a really nice guy who seemed genuinely interested to find out more about the work we do as a charity."

Healing The Wounds executive director Kevin Richards said he was delighted to learn of Mikey's interest in the charity.

He added: "We are the only charity working to make sure that veterans and members of the civilian services get treatment for PTSD where they need it, close to their homes in Wales."

"The work we do is hugely valuable and important for the brave men and women who serve our country. To see the transformation in PTSD victims after they have attended one of our treatment courses is to appreciate what the term 'life-changing' really means."

Young driver dies in crash



ABOVE; Scott Scanlan, who died when his car left the road.

A YOUNG man from Bridgend died last Saturday when his car left the road near Coyauchurch Crematorium.

Police named him as 17-year-old Scott Scanlan, and are appealing for witnesses to the incident, which happened at approximately 5.45pm on Saturday, October 1, on Heol Simonston, Brackla.

A police spokesman said: "A silver Vauxhall Corsa motor vehicle was travelling along Heol Simonston from Brackla towards Coyauchurch when it left the carriageway and collided with a tree."

"The driver, who lived locally and was the sole occupant, was pronounced deceased at the scene."

Scott lived in the Bridgend area and was a former pupil of Brynteg Comprehensive School.

He had recently obtained a City and Guilds qualification in plumbing from Pencoed College, and had just started work at the Next store on Waterton Retail Park.

In a statement issued through the police, Scott's family said: "Scott was a much-loved son, brother, uncle, grandson and nephew."

"The loss will leave a massive void in the lives of everybody who knew him. Scott was a loving, 'big' character and it seemed he was known by everybody. He will be sadly missed."

South Wales Police are appealing for any witnesses to contact them.

The police would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the collision, or who stopped to provide assistance, or anyone who may have seen the vehicle being driven prior to the collision and who have not yet given their details.

The road was closed for approximately five hours while police carried out initial investigations and recovered a vehicle.

South Wales Police would like to thank the people affected by the closure for their patience and understanding.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the South Wales Police Roads Policing Unit at Gwaelod-y-Garth on 01656 655555 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Son organises charity sale of late artist's lost paintings

PAINTINGS by a local artist, uncovered after her death by her son, are to go on display for the first time this weekend, to help raise money to support people with lung disease.

Dave Dawson, who lives in Cardiff, found the paintings while sorting through his mother's possessions after her death earlier this year.

His mother, talented artist Catherine Dawson, lived in Pencoed, where she held art classes at her home.

The artworks are being exhibited at the Nolton Art Gallery in Bridgend. The exhibition opened on Saturday, October 1, and proceeds from the sale of paintings will go towards the work of the British Lung Foundation (BLF) Wales.

The charity helps fund medical research into lung disease, an advice helpline, and it supports Breathe Easy groups across Wales – including in Bridgend.

Mr Dawson said: "My mother was a very

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Message from the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Barbara Stubbs A town of all the talents and inspiring people!

HELLO everyone! My husband and I have had an extremely enjoyable September. We were invited to the official opening of the refurbished Porthcawl subway, undertaken jointly by SHOUT and BCBC.

The urban art gallery designed by local students from Porthcawl Comprehensive School displays the outstanding artistic skills of our young people.

We have visited three concerts at the Grand Pavilion this month. The Porthcawl Male Voice Choir held their annual celebrity concert, which also featured Lesley Garrett as their guest artist.

The *Can You Sing* children's opera was organised by Patricia O'Neill and Erica Beynon. The *Movies and Musicals* was organised by David Hughes and Joanne Walters for Barnado's Cymru.

All three concerts were outstanding in every way. What musical talents – young and adult – we have in this area!

We were also invited to the Miners' brass band competition at the Pavilion. Twelve bands entered and I presented a prize to one of the winners.

Once again, the competition displayed the fantastic musical talents people have in this area.

We attended a very enjoyable garden party held by the Royal British Legion, Porthcawl, to celebrate its 90th anniversary.

Our visit to the Boxing Club in New Road was a real eye-opener. The club has about 200 members, ranging from children to adults. The skills taught there go beyond sporting skills by showing young people how to work as a team and how to respect each other and everyone else. The club needs financial help and it certainly deserves it.

We took part in the fun walk from the Hi-Tide to Rest Bay and back. It was held to raise funds for Crossroads for Carers, young and old.

Crossroads gives a much-needed service by providing support and advice to carers in this area and beyond.

We judged entries of flowers, plants, vegetables, fruit and cakes from Newton Church Allotment Society for their annual show in the Ancient Briton, where children and adults took part. What fantastic displays! It was difficult to choose the winners.

The KRU coffee morning in the Atlantic was very well attended. How committed these committee members are to raising funds in aid of

Kidney Research Wales.

We presented flowers to Mr and Mrs Davies, Sandpiper Road, to help celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

What an inspiration they are to us all!

I presented prizes to the winners of the art and poetry competitions from West Park Primary School. As a past teacher, how wonderful it was for me to see what a very high standard these pupils had achieved.

We enjoyed the civic service of Coun Marie Griffith-Jones at St Cynwyd's Church in the pretty village of Llangynwyd.

I have also attended full council meetings, committee meetings, diamond jubilee working group meetings, regeneration forum meeting, Civic Fund committee meetings, which are all helping to improve Porthcawl and to arrange forthcoming events in the town.

My husband and I are very fortunate to have met up with so many people who are an inspiration to us all.

Well, it's goodbye for now. I look forward to writing to you next month. Have a good October!

Coun Barbara Stubbs, Porthcawl Town Mayor.

Rockers are set to drum home a very important message!

A FEAST of live rock music is on offer in Bridgend on Friday, in celebration of World Mental Health Day.

Sound? 2011 will be held at Bridgend Recreation Centre on October 7, 7pm – 10.30pm, featuring acclaimed rock band Exit International plus local bands.

The Cardiff-based headliners are an alternative guitar-free trio, who are generating an ever-increasing following. The night also includes live performances from Bridgend-based bands Colours of One (a five-piece alternative rock band), Where is Billy, Four Words Later and Station 13.

Chris Mulholland, head of BLF Wales, said: "The money that our supporters raise makes a real difference for people in Wales with lung conditions.

"I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to

Dave and his family,

and to the Nolton

gallery team, for helping to support our work."



Sound? 2011 headliners Exit International

For more details, call 01656 642688 or visit www.thegatheringonline.co.uk

Coalition holds public meeting

BRIDGEND Coalition Against Racism is holding its annual public meeting on Tuesday, October 18, at the Quaker Meeting House in Bridgend at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Rev Aled Edwards OBE. Refreshments will be available; all are welcome.

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Tots are on a roll!

IT'S a roll-over this weekend at Bridgend Tumble Tots - all in aid of charity.

Forty children who attend Bridgend Tumble Tots, the nationwide physical play programme for children, will be taking part in a sponsored roll for baby charity, Tommy's, on Tuesday, October 11.

Organised in support of Tommy's, the only charity in the UK which is solely dedicated to finding treatments to prevent problems in pregnancy, the national Tumble Tots campaign 'Roll Over with Peppa Pig for Tommy's' hopes to raise over £50,000. Children attending their Tumble

Tots class will be sponsored to carry out 10 different rolling activities and will be encouraged to dress as Peppa Pig characters.

Sharon Evans, who runs Tumble Tots South Wales, said: "Children are never too young to get active and this is a great opportunity for the children to show off the skills they have been learning in class."

"Tumble Tots is also proud to support the fabulous research work that Tommy's does."

Hundreds of Roll Over with Peppa sessions at Tumble Tots Centres are set to happen nationwide during National Children's Activity Week.



1ST BROADLANDS RAINBOW GUIDES' FIRST SLEEPOVER!



BACK in May this year, 1st Broadlands Rainbow Guides (girls aged five to seven years) went on their first Rainbow sleepover.

There were lots of Rainbow Guides and plenty of very good helpers/volunteers too. The senior section girls were just as excited as the Rainbows.

I completed my licence and just have to wait for the evaluation to be finalised by the indoor camp adviser (Sue Daniel) who hasn't been well – we wish her a speedy recovery.

She had the shock of her life when she arrived to assess me, two local police officers were knocking on the door – she didn't know what to say until she realised they were paying a courtesy visit as they had been invited to tea and cake and gave a safety talk too. We played games, did crafts and watched a brand new DVD called *Tangled*.

We rented a local Scout hall; they kindly let us borrow their indoor tents and everything else was already provided or bought for the event. We had hot dogs for supper, a tuck shop and hot chocolate before bed.

The girls were telling the adults to be quiet as they wanted to sleep

'Sunflower'
1st Broadlands
Rainbow Guider in
Charge

If anyone is interested in volunteering or any girls are wishing to join a unit please check out the website: www.girlguidingcymru.org.uk - you only need to be able to spare an hour a week to be of valuable help.

Can you give Rocky and Adrienne a good home?

Cats Protection, Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin, Bridgend CF32 9UJ
Tel: 01656 726621 • Fax: 01656 722012
Email: bridgend.manager@cats.org.uk



ROCKY and Adrienne came to the Bridgend Adoption Centre in May from a multi-cat household.

They are a little shy towards us humans as they haven't been given the attention they deserve. They can be home together or on their own and need a quiet home. They are just over one year old.



Rugby banquet raises £1,500 for mayor's civic charity

THE civic charity for the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, chairman and consort of Carmarthenshire, Janice Gregory AM, and husband Coun Mike Gregory were all well looked after by Coun Mel Nott, leader of the Bridgend County Borough Council and his wife Yvonne.

The evening was most enjoyable, with more than 100 guests attending, and the three chosen charities were all present and enjoyed the company of the many friends and dignitaries that support the charity events.

The Mayor, Coun Chris Michaelidas, had invited special guests and members of his family including his chaplain Rev Stephen Pare, who said grace before the meal.

Info point moves

P O R T H C A W L
Council information point has moved into Portcawl library.

This will extend the availability of the information point as the library is open until 6pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and until 7pm on a Friday, as well as being open on Saturdays.

Library opening times are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9.30am - 1pm and 2pm - 6pm; Wednesday: 9.30am - 1pm; Friday: 9.30am - 1pm, 2pm - 7pm; Saturday: 9.30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm.

For more information, see the libraries pages on www.bridgend.gov.uk

Home for cats?

A GOOD home is being sought for two family-friendly cats aged 10 and six.

Telephone 01446 772680.

For more information, visit www.hspwales.co.uk.

The Mayor and Mayress of the Vale of Glamorgan, chairman and consort of Carmarthenshire, Janice Gregory AM, and husband Coun Mike Gregory were all well looked after by Coun Mel Nott, leader of the Bridgend County Borough Council and his wife Yvonne.

The master of ceremonies was the well-known J J Williams, former Wales international, who introduced special guest speaker Emyr Lewis, ex-Llanelli and Cardiff RFC and Wales international. He spoke about his experiences in the world of rugby.

Emyr flew to New Zealand on Monday as he is also a commentator and broadcaster with BBC Wales and S4C Cymru.

Wonderful raffle prizes were donated and the charity benefited to the sum of £1,500 from a fabulous evening.

Support group

A MEETING of the HSP Support Group is being held at the Seabank Hotel, Portcawl, on Saturday, October 29, from 2pm to 4pm.

The HSP (Hereditary Spastic Paraparesis) group provides support for people with this condition in Wales, and meets twice a year in Portcawl.

HSP is a very rare condition affecting around 1 in 20,000 people. All sufferers are born with the condition, but it may not manifest itself until later in life. First signs are tripping up, which progressive gets worse leading to walking aids and, in many cases, a wheelchair.

Council leader Mel Nott said: "I am immensely proud of all the hard work that has gone into regenerating Bridgend town centre and this was a perfect opportunity to attract more inward investment.

Council uses food festival to highlight Bridgend



(L-R): Andrew Hore of the Ospreys, First Minister Carwyn Jones and Bridgend council leader Mel Nott welcomed businesses to the potential investors event in Bridgend town centre.

AN ALTERNATIVE food

festival has been giving businesses from across the UK a taste of what Bridgend town centre could offer if they decided to relocate or expand into the area.

Organised by Bridgend County Council, the potential investors event coincided with the second ever Feastival, a special food festival which

showed off the best local produce in Wales by filling the town centre's pedestrianised streets with more than 70 stalls, marquees, trailers and mobile kitchens.

A council spokesman said: "Before joining the crowds to sample some of the culinary delights on offer, the visitors gained an insight into the advantages of doing business in Bridgend, and the expert support and advice that the council could offer.

"They were able to see how townscape heritage initiative funding is being used to transform many town centre buildings and restore them to their architectural prime, and they were invited to approach the council with their ideas, proposals and suggestions for new ways of doing business."

Council leader Mel Nott said: "I am immensely proud of all the hard work that has gone into regenerating Bridgend town centre and this was a perfect opportunity to attract more inward investment.

Quiz league posers

THESE are designed to test your memories:

1. Which French President served as an official in the collaboration before joining the Resistance in 1943?

2. Which Shakespearian play is the story of the star-crossed lovers Pyramus and Thisbe acted out?

3. Which golfer won a four-hole play-off against Constantino Rocca to win the Open Championship in 1995 at St Andrews?

4. Which country did Russia invade in August 2008?

A RUDGE (for Quiz League)

ANSWERS:
1. Millerand
2. A. Mrs Summers
3. John Dry
4. George.

Who wants to build what and where in the county borough

Nantymoel Primary School – Gwendoline Street, Nantymoel, Bridgend – Erect flagpole to display Eco Schools Green Flag.
Mr Roger Michael – Brynhaulog, Heol yr Ysgol, Coity – Reduce height of beech trees in rear garden.
Bridgend College – Pencoed Agriculture College, Pencoed – Reduce height of beech trees in rear garden.
Bridgend College – Pencoed Agriculture College, Pencoed – Extension to gym and landscaping adjacent to student services.
Mr G Richards – 2 Llynfi View,

Maesteg – Garage extension; remove existing roof and replace with a larger roof to create two further bedrooms.
Mr Philip Williams – 103 Oxford Street, Pontycymmer – Change of use from shop to residential.
Garw Valley Community Council – The Square, Heol Llangeinor, Llangeinor – Erection of minor's lamp.
Taylor Wimpey South Wales – Parc R13, Parc Derwen, Coity – 42 residential units and associated landscaping, parking, garages, roads and sewers.
Mrs Mary Griffiths – Rear 79

Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend – Construction of two-storey detached property comprising of two self-contained apartments.
Mr Huw Gosling – 76 Beach Road, Portcawl – Screening to rear balcony.
Mrs E Lepezcynska – 25A Newcastle Hill, Bridgend – Replacement of windows to front elevation (two windows) and replacement of two windows to rear elevation.
Mr V Hughes – Land r/o Bryngarw Mill, Abergarw Drive, Brynmelyn – Block of four stables.

Mrs M Evans – 48 Grove Road, Bridgend – Ground-floor single-storey disabled shower room.
Mr Alastair Rosenberg – Nottage General Baptist and Unitarian Chapel, Ty Canol, Portcawl – Install solar panels on school room roof.

Mr K Angell – Land adjacent to Green Meadow Cottage, Cymddo, Sarn – Detached two-storey four-bedroom dwelling with attached garages; re-sub of P/11/395/OUT.
Mr Owain Lloyd – Cornel Du Mawr Farm, Heol y Cyw – Retrospective application for sin-

gle-storey extension.
Mr and Mrs David – Char Beck Barn, Bryngwenth Farm, Rhiwceiliog, Pencoed – Install wooden doors to the west elevation which open out.
Ms Yvonne Walton – Parc Hyfryd Farm, Pant y Pwllau, Coity – Replace existing haybarn storage shed.

Mr Phillip Jenkins – Glascoed, Heol Penyfai, Penyfai – Two-storey and dormer extensions.
Corporate director, children – Mynydd Cynffig Infants School, Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill – Erect open-sided covered way to link with main school building.
Mr Ben Evans – 27 Rhiw Tremain, Brackla – Extension to side of house for garage, living space and bedroom at first floor.
Needham Haddrell Management – Cefn Cribwr Station, Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr – Install new ground-based equipment cabin inside existing compound.
Miss Marie Hyde – 24 Bryneglwys Gardens, Porthcawl – Single-storey extension to front of dwelling.

PORTHCAWL'S LATE, LATE SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL IS A MASSIVE HIT!

PORTHCAWL'S summer music festival fell victim to a wet Sunday in August.

However, the town council-sponsored event was offered a second chance, and took place last Sunday at the Hi-Tide Inn.

The event was opened by the Mayor of Portcawl, Coun Barbara Stubbs (pictured below), and the first band on stage was the Sker Crows.

They were followed later by a number of other local bands, including Rider, Sassie, Red Room Therapy, and the Love Handles.

Providing a youthful flavour to the event while The Gem photographer Malcolm Nugent was present, were members of the Portcawl Rock Club.

The youngsters had formed five groups, called Disco Leftovers; Goony; Sushi; Spirit; and D Code.

The rock club is run by local tutor Raul Martin-Arrieta, and it meets in the John Street offices of Sustainable Wales on Saturday mornings, giving nine to 15-year-olds the chance to learn an instrument and experience playing in a band.

For further information on the rock club, telephone 01656 786319.

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MALCOLM NUGENT**



Young Eliana asked to meet the Mayor.



ABOVE: The young boy band Goony.

BETWEEN: The rock club's girl band, Spirit.



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opened the show.

Sale for Scouts

THE 1st Penyfai Scout Group is holding a table-top and car boot sale at the Scout Hall in Court Coleman Road, Penyfai, on Saturday, October 15, 10am - 1pm.

To book a table, call Jacqui on 01656 674100 or 07773 239542. The cost is £5 per table or car. There is limited space for cars, so book early.

Proceeds will go to the running of the group.



A PICTURESQUE SETTING FOR KENFIG CHORISTERS

RECENTLY, the Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir and its youth arm 'Crescendo', took part in the Gwili Steam Railway Festival of Welsh Music at Carmarthen.

The Gwili Steam Railway, a restored railway at Carmarthen, had teamed up with a number of talented local artistes, musicians and choirs to perform at the festival site at the railway's Llwyfan Cerrig Station.

The festival was presented by Arfon Haines Davies of BBC Radio Cymru.

The choirs were picked up at the Green Acre in North Cornelly and transported in style

Report and photographs by Keith E Morgan.

to the Gwili Steam Railway terminus at Carmarthen by a vintage red London Transport Routemaster Double-Decker Bus.

At the Bronwydd Arms terminus, they boarded a train drawn by a vintage steam engine and were taken to the festival site at the Llwyfan Cerrig Railway Station four miles up the picturesque Gwili rural line.

On arrival at their destination, they were welcomed by Arfon Haines Davies, the presenter of the festival.

The Festival of Welsh Music was blessed with a

wonderful day, which served to enhance the beautiful setting.

There was a good turnout for the occasion and both choirs performed well to an appreciative audience and an accolade from Arfon Haines Davies.

They also had a further fitting reward for their efforts on the return journey to Bronwydd Arms, when they travelled in the Felinfoel Double Dragon Buffet Car.

Here, choir members were able to amply quench their thirst brought on by a long day's singing in the sunshine before boarding the 'Big Red Bus' for the return journey home.



LIONS' BOOK SALE TO make room for new stock for next spring's famous Lions' charity book fair, the Bridgend Lions Club is clearing its shelves and offering a bumper range of bargain books at its clearance book sale in the YMCA, Angel Street, Bridgend on Saturday, October 15.

Long dark nights are ahead so readers can take the

opportunity to stock up with their favourite authors or interests. As usual, thousands of top quality books will provide literally, something for everyone. Doors are open from 10am to 4pm and admission is free.

Bring your own carrier bags to avoid the new compulsory 5p charge. All profits will be donated to the many local causes supported by the Bridgend Lions Club.

For further information visit: www.bridgendlions.org.uk

Three tours!



ONE young cricketer who has made a promising start is Chris Matthews, a year-7 pupil at St Clare's School in Porthcawl.

During the summer, Chris went on three tours with the Wales under-11 cricket team to north Wales, the Midlands and the West Country.

Chris took part in all nine games and performed well enough to be asked to play again for the under-12s at the Taunton festival, where he played in three of the games over the course of the five-day event.

Who wants to build what and where in the borough?

Mitchells and Butlers - **44 Nolton Street, Bridgend** - 1 x double sided hanging sign, 2 x single sided boards, 1 x brass A3 int illuminated sign and 3 x fascia signs. Saga Group Ltd - **50 Pyle Road, Pyle** - Fascia panel signage and removal of existing temporary sign.

Mr David Harding - **St Cynwyds Church, Vicarage, Llangynwyd, Maesteg** - Fell 2 x ash trees, crown reduce 2 x ash and remove 1 x limb and crown reduce two other limbs.

Mr Matthew Dale - **1-5 Ton View, Kenfig Hill** - 25 per cent crown reduction of trees to rear.

Mr Mark Heiling - **Pentwyn House, Penymynydd, Kenfig** - Conservatory to be used as dining area.

Laleston Community Council - **Land NW of nursery Ffordd Tirion, Broadlands** - Teenager play area and shelter, new bridge and new footpath.

Mrs C Evans - **3 & 4 Church Street, Maesteg** - Retain and refurb ground floor of no. 3 as office accommodation and convert upper floors of no. 3 and 4 to two residential flats.

Penybont Real Estate Co Ltd - **59/61 John Street, Porthcawl** - Provision of UPVC window at ground level to rear wall. Caerau Development Trust - **Blaenlynfi Infant School, Grosvenor Terrace, Caerau, Maesteg** - Retrospective for change of use of school to include retail and offices for the development trust.

Mrs Helen Pearce - **22 Ffordd Candleston, Broadlands** - Convert integral garage into playroom.

Mr A Gwilliam - **13 Nant yr Adar, Llangwedd Court, Bridgend** - Single storey rear extension.

Mrs P Frewen - **1 Glanyrafon Road, Pencoed** - Shower room extension for registered disabled person.

Mr Owain Watts - **19 Bangor Terrace, Maesteg** - Second storey bedroom addition over existing annexe.

Mr Eifion Evans - **The Coach House, Penylan Farm, Aberkenfig** - Retention of 2 no. timber cabin.

Creative Living Spaces - **2 Rockfields, Porthcawl** - Alterations and extension to existing property and enlarge existing garage, car parking and vehicle turning.

Demolish existing garage and construct single storey extension to side.

Mr Graham Edwards - **3 Candleston Close, Porthcawl** - Extend existing front porch to provide bathroom and extension first floor projecting bay.

Mr Phillip Bevan Jones - **22 Llwydarth Road, Maesteg** - Conversion of existing glass roof to tile.

Mr James Davies - **57 St Davids Way, Porthcawl** - Single storey extension of semi-detached house.

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Clean-up deadline for 'semi-derelict' site is welcomed by shadow minister

SHADOW Regeneration Minister Byron Davies has welcomed news that the owners of the former Revlon site in Maesteg have just one more month to remove all material from the site and leave it in safe condition.

Mr Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative regional AM for South Wales West which includes Maesteg, has raised the state of the site with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the Welsh Government.

Mr Davies said he was appalled when he paid a visit soon after being elected and saw the semi-derelict state that the site had been left in.

Contractors involved in demolishing the buildings were served with a prohibition notice in May 2010 by the HSE because of the presence of asbestos and have since been prosecuted for unsafe practices.

Mr Davies has now been told by the HSE that the site owners - Condor Properties - employed a specialist company to operate wetting equipment to damp down the asbestos covered debris which has kept everything in a wet condition since, reducing the risks from asbestos dust.

The letter, from HSE chief executive Geoffrey Podger, also revealed that they have been working closely with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and the Environment Agency and a notice has been served on the site owners requiring the removal of all materials from the site by October 23. It is to be left in a safe condition.

Mr Davies has also received letters from BCBC officers and from deputy leader David Sage welcoming his intervention with the Minister and stating that the council is doing everything it can to expedite the issue.

"I welcome news that an end may at last be in sight for the residents who live nearby," he said. "It has been left looking literally like a bomb site for far too long."

"In this day and age, with all the rules and regulations that we have in place to protect the environment, I find it quite astonishing that it has taken so long to sort out this problem."

"I understand that court action against the demolition contractors has now concluded which clears the way for the site to be cleared once and for all."

"This is a valuable area in the Llynfi Valley and its regeneration is important for job creation."

"The site has been designated for mixed use in the new local development plan and it adjoins the former Cooper Standard site which is owned by BCBC and is ready for alternative industrial use."

"I have been told by regeneration minister Huw Lewis that negotiations regarding the sale of the Revlon site to new owners are ongoing and that there is a desire to bring both of these sites under one master plan."

"The Revlon site is integral to the redevelopment of the area and I hope that this can now be progressed as quickly as possible."

A Condor Properties Ltd spokesman explained:

"The situation of the semi-derelict site was an unfortunate result of a co-ordinated attack and theft from the site."

"Local authorities, police and insurance companies are fully aware of the matter and are dealing with it the best they can."

He pointed out: "Condor Properties Limited has limited financial resources and therefore has devoted its efforts to sourcing an adequate buyer with the financial power to clean, manage and redevelop the site."

Bonus weekend for tourism industry



THE weather forecasters were dead right last weekend when their prediction of an 'Indian summer' weekend came true.

With temperatures soaring to 28°C, continuous convoys of cars streamed in to Porthcawl all day on Saturday. At 1pm, the car park at Salt Lake was almost full, with cars still pouring in.

On Coney Beach, visitors enjoyed a bonus summer day by basking in the sun. Bathers were braving the waves and entering the sea in rea-

Report and photograph by Keith E. Morgan

sonable numbers considering that the water temperature would have been a lot colder than on the beach.

Even the donkeys had been brought back from what they had no doubt thought was the beginning of their winter break. The fairground did well and was heaving as all the rides had been advertised as half price for the traditional end-of-season weekend.

On Sunday, fore-

armed and forewarned, camper vans descended on Porthcawl like a horde of locusts!

Eastern Promenade was filled from end to end as they lined up nose to tail like a train load of carriages waiting at a station.

What's more, there were still others arriving, trying to find an empty berth in which to park! Coney Beach was again crowded with sun worshippers and with the tide in in the morning, many took the opportunity to have a last swim before the weather returned to normal.

Bridgend gets on the food festival circuit with its very own distinctive 'Feastival'

THOUSANDS of visitors got a taste of local and Welsh produce – and a flavour of Bridgend – when they visited the town's alternative food festival.

The record-breaking temperatures on Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1, were matched by a record-breaking number of visitors to the Feastival, with organisers reporting a huge increase compared to last year's inaugural event.

Feastival, organised by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), was a showcase of 60 high-quality Welsh food and drink exhibitors, together with cooker demonstrations and unusual food events spread across the town's pedestrianised areas.

The event was kicked off with a quirky version of the famous Olympic torch relay; double Olympian Steve Brace ran, cycled and swam the length of Wales with a giant leek before delivering it to Bridgend for the Feastival opening ceremony.

In addition to the many food exhibitors, there were more unusual attractions such as *Britain's Got Talent's* 'Marmite on toast' artist Nathan Wyburn, an Egg Drop Championship, a 'Leek Lobbing' competition, the 'Leaning Tower of Pizza' and chefs on stilts.

A BCBC spokeswoman said: "As well as flocking to Feastival's many stalls and attractions, shoppers also helped increase local trade with businesses in the town centre and the indoor market."

The leader of BCBC, Coun Mel Nott said: "The weather was terrific and so was the event itself. Last year the event was known for its collapsing cauliflower sheep – this year I think people will remember Feastival as an occasion when the town centre really came alive."

"Everywhere you looked, visitors were walking around smiling and eating and, of course, spending money, which was great for the Feastival traders and those businesses that make up the heart and soul of the town centre."



ABOVE: There were cooker demonstrations by local chefs.



ABOVE: Marmite toast artist Nathan Wyburn made a guest appearance.



ABOVE: There was a chance to make a clay pot in the craft tent.



ABOVE: These young musicians were busking for local charity KPC Youth.



ABOVE: There were pancakes and crepes to suit every taste.

Vale MP has cup of coffee for Macmillan



ABOVE: Service with a smile for charity

THE Vale MP Alun Cairns attended the recent coffee morning at Barry Comprehensive School held as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Pupils and staff at Barry Comprehensive were keen to join in the fun and be a part of Macmillan's 'Biggest Coffee Morning' event – supporting the charity as they do every year.

"It's great to see that the pupils were able to have fun organising the coffee morning for their friends, fellow pupils and staff – while also raising money for people affected by cancer," he said.

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NEW PROJECT HOPES TO PUT PUB AT CENTRE OF VILLAGE LIFE

by PHILIP IRWIN

closed for several years.

Known as 'The Pub is the Hub' the scheme was started in 2001 by HRH The Prince of Wales, who has been quoted as saying: 'Rural communities, and this country's rural way of life, face unprecedented challenges.'

The scheme is bound to be of interest to communities such as Wick and Ewenny, which recently lost their Post Office, or Llansannor, where the local pub, the City Inn, has been

closed for several years. Known as 'The Pub is the Hub' the scheme was started in 2001 by HRH The Prince of Wales, who has been quoted as saying: 'Rural communities, and this country's rural way of life, face unprecedented challenges.'

The country pub, which has been at the heart of village life for centuries, is disappearing in many areas. Providing services from the pub, such as a post

LIONS' SERVICE

BARRY and Penarth Lions Club is hosting the annual District 105W Lions Clubs' Thanksgiving Service this weekend.

The service is to be held on Sunday, October 9, at 3pm at Cadoxton Methodist Church.

This important event in the Lions' year is held in different churches each year, and last year was held at Brecon Cathedral.

District 105W stretches from Fishguard to Swindon and from Brecon down to Bath, and clubs often bring local dignitaries with them. The Mayors of Barry and Penarth will be among those attending, along with Jane Hutt AM.

large pub and ensure it stays as a community focal point.

"Through Pub is the Hub, we currently have six different types of 'community operation' models and we find that communities need a great deal of help with the complexities of running a pub, in addition to deciding which model to adopt, and in raising the finance."

A spokesman for the organisation said: "It encourages local authorities, local communities, licensees, pub owners and breweries to work together to support, retain and locate services within rural pubs.

"Pub is the Hub assists with guidance on availability of project funding, and having a thorough understanding of the pub business, is able to advise on the best way to progress each individual project.

"Pub is the Hub has advised more than 30 communities who have considered taking over their pub, and we are currently advising a number of groups who are buying, leasing or restarting to run their vil-

lages.

The Vale Council is

planning to join seven other local authorities, in the main in north and mid-Wales, with Bridgend County Borough Council as the only other southern authority involved.

The project is being

led by Cadwyn Clwyd,

the rural development

agency for Denbighshire

and Flintshire.

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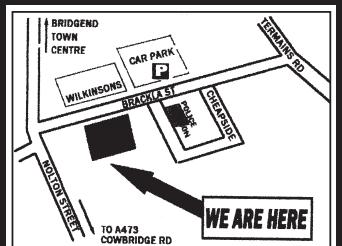


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Thompson Street letter sparks reader's reminiscences

MEMORIES OF BANKING IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

YOUR correspondent Christopher Short's letter (The GEM, September 15) referring to Thompson Street and, in particular, the fine old Lloyds Bank building which was on a commanding corner site overlooking Barry Docks and I

believe had a teak-lined interior in the banking hall, brought back some memories for me.

I joined the Lloyds Bank staff in the now-closed St Mary Street, Cardiff, branch in November, 1943, having persuaded my parents to buy me out of school to earn some money (which turned out to be £1.10.6d. pw for usually a 48-hour week that

included a large share of manual duties with no study leave!).

I was keen to play a small part in the war effort, especially as my mother who worked for the Red Cross Office in Cardiff had missed almost certain death when an incendiary bomb landed in her bed just seconds after she rose to proceed to the Anderson shelter in an air raid in January 1941. Fortunately, my father

and I managed to heave the burning bed out of the house. Following my National Service (serving in the Royal Signals in the Egyptian Canal Zone, Kenya, Somalia and what is now Ethiopia) on the very day I returned home on demobilisation, a letter arrived from the bank asking my father when I would be returning home.

I duly reported to my

old branch and was told that to take a vacancy I must start work the following week. As my previous employment was on the temporary wartime staff, I was relieved to be offered a job which hopefully would lead to a permanent position. My 77 days leave at least brought me in more cash than my bank pay!

In the early 1950s, I was instructed to proceed to Barry Docks branch on relief duties and travelled by train to Barry Docks station with my friend and colleague the late Paddy Prosser, who was then on the staff at that branch.

The chief clerk informed me that I would be acting as cashier at the Barry sub branch, which I seem to recall was then half a shop adjoining Norman Alexander's practice in Broad Street.

This involved collecting some cash from the main branch and carrying this in a case duly chained to me, walking down Thompson Street and with my guard and clerk John Dickinson, wait for a Western Welsh bus in Holton Road to take us to Broad Street.

I was assured that I needed only a minimum amount of cash as the business in Barry was almost entirely shops and businesses paying money in, with very few withdrawals.

All went well until the Thursday of my first week and as the bus arrived in Broad Street I noticed quite a crowd of people waiting outside the bank. I asked John what was the reason for this and he told me it was 'Teachers' Pay Day'. I knew there was no way my cash reserve would be likely to meet the requirements of the teachers.

My clerk was unable to round up enough cash from the adjoining shop customers even though I gave priority to anyone paying in cash. As no telephone was provided, I despatched John to the nearby National Provincial Bank to ask them to telephone the parent branch requesting an urgent supply of extra cash.

Meanwhile, I managed to meet the early demands by paying out 'unfit' £1 and 10/- notes that were set aside for pulping. The teachers seemed quite happy to accept these rather filthy specimens rather than call back later. The episode went down as one of my most embarrassing moments!

In 1968, I was appointed manager of Barry Docks branch, by now housed in modern though initially inadequate accommodation for a rapidly expanding

business. This problem was later solved by taking over the upper floor when this became available.

On moving from Thompson Street, the branch was firstly situated in 120, Holton Road, (which later became The Trustee Savings Bank) and around 1966/67 to the present building at 140, Holton Road.

It is interesting to note that there were just four managers of the branch during the period from the late 1930s up until the date of my retirement in 1986.

The first of these was Mr HH Howell, a founder member and first president of the Rotary Club of Barry who, I'm told, when the bank sent a comptometer to the branch, promptly returned it on the grounds that his staff would lose their arithmetical ability.

Barry Docks branch was a pen-posted branch (hand-written ledgers and statements) until, I believe, the mid 1950s. In the days of the Thompson Street office, the manager and his family lived in the floor above the banking hall and offices and I recall Mr Howell's wife Marie, who was still a customer of the branch during and after my retirement, was a lady of dignity and great character.

During the war years, she carried out helpful charitable work for the youngsters of the area and I understand was instrumental in establishing a social club to provide a safe meeting place for them.

She also involved herself in support for the many seamen of all races that lived in this colourful district. Mrs Howell enjoyed walking along Thompson Street as all the residents knew and respected her.

It was a sad time for her when she had to move away on 'HH's' retirement, even though she moved to live in a fine house in Llanishen, Cardiff.

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Carer in line for a top award



ABOVE: Lisa caddies for her client.

JUST-MARRIED health care support worker Lisa Beckmann has Open University exams, plus the gala final of the care profession's most prestigious awards night to cope with this month.

German-born Lisa (28), who became Mrs James Taylor in July and has just returned from her honeymoon, has her Open University exams in health and social care at the beginning of the month, and is a nominated finalist at the Wales Care Awards later in the month.

The Wales Care

Awards reward the best in the caring professions, and October 21 at Cardiff City Hall it is the care profession's 'Oscars' night.

Lisa, of Cae Glas, Pencoed, Bridgend, a care sector worker for seven years, was nominated in the supported living care practitioner category by her manager at April Complete Care Solutions, Wendy Duckworth.

It recognises some of the outstanding work Lisa has done in caring for young people with severe disabilities.

"I started with April Complete Care Solutions in 2009 and I look after clients from

Penarth to Neath," said Lisa.

Parents of the children Lisa cares for were quick to add their names to her nomination, to thank her for her outstanding work.

For one young boy with severe disabilities she went the extra mile. Her manager, Wendy Duckworth, explained: "The parents had tried all ways to try and encourage this young boy to identify his needs and wants, as he was unable to talk.

"Lisa did extensive research to help this little boy and his family. The parents were delighted with the progress their son has made due to Lisa's skill and determination."

Lisa added: "When I knew I had been nominated I thought 'Oh dear! I'm not very good in front of people, I'm very shy'. It was a bit of a shock."

Mario Kreft MBE, the honorary chief executive of Care Forum Wales, said the Wales Care Awards had gone from strength to strength.

He said: "The event is now firmly established as one of the highlights in the Welsh social care calendar.

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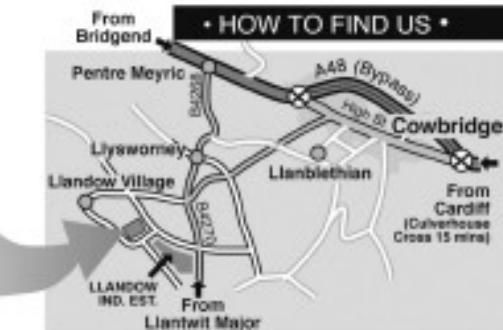
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Taylor Wimpey and Costa Coffee submit plans for Cowbridge

TWO planning applications that could shape the future of Cowbridge have been submitted.

The first, which has been submitted by Taylor Wimpey, seeks to demolish the former school building and associated buildings at the Lower School Site on Town Mill Road.

It was recently announced that negotiations had been completed, and that Taylor

Wimpey now owns the site.

A spokesperson for Taylor Wimpey South Wales commented: "A planning application has been submitted to the Vale Council for the demolition of the old school, and is presently with the authority for determination.

"No commencement of demolition will take place until planning consent is granted for the redevelopment with residential

dwellings, which is yet to be submitted."

The second application has been submitted by Costa Limited, which operates a national chain of coffee shops under the name 'Costa Coffee'.

The chain is seeking approval for modifications and alterations to the shop front, previously trading as Martins, and for 'fascia and hanging signs to front elevation with external illumination'.

A BARRY DJ takes a starring role in a BBC reality show this Friday evening.

The show, 'Wales on Wheels', is being broadcast at 7.30pm on BBC One Wales and Adam John, better known locally as AJ, is shown entertaining the holidaymakers at Fontygary Caravan and Leisure Park.

AJ, aged 27, said: "There are four episodes of 'Wales on Wheels' and the one at Fontygary is the second."

"I was performing at the park over the weekend when the BBC turned up to film."

"The BBC made a bit of thing that I had cancelled the bingo for people, replacing it with me - in fact, the bingo was cancelled before I got there."

AJ is an entertainer, singer and DJ who worked at Bro Radio for two years.

He said: "I have seen the trailer for the show and I'm looking forward to watching it on Friday evening."

"The 'Wales on Wheels' theme in the episode is demonstrated by the caravan people at Fontygary."

Van stolen in house burglary



ABOVE: Have you seen this van?

DETECTIVES in the Vale are appealing for information following a burglary at a house in the Piccadilly area of Cowbridge.

Entry was gained to the detached premises via a front ground floor window sometime between 12 midday on Thursday, September 29 and 7.30pm on Sunday, October 2.

Stolen from the interior was a jewellery box which contained a number of watches, together with an assortment of bracelets, earrings and necklaces, and from out-

side the premises a distinctive grey coloured Volkswagen Camper Van, registration number CN 59 DZA was stolen, which to date has not been recovered.

Prior to the burglary a male person was seen acting suspiciously in the area. He has been described as male white, mid 40's, pale complexion, clean shaven, and wearing a dark-coloured hooded top with the hood up, jeans, training shoes and was carrying a water bottle.

Officers are appealing to anyone with information to contact Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Police offer 'proceeds of crime' cash to local groups

DONATIONS are now on offer to local groups - from cash and property recovered from criminals.

Applications are invited from clubs, organisations or groups who help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, or who divert people away from crime.

The grants will be provided from the Police Property Act Fund, which the South Wales Police Authority is responsible for distributing.

A police spokeswoman said: "Property which comes into the possession of the police in connection with a crime, and where the owner cannot be found can be sold with the money being kept in what is known

as the Police Property Act Fund.

"The same is true for property which has been forfeited by convicted persons by order of a court, as it was used or intended for use in a crime."

The chair of the Police Authority, Coun Russell Roberts, said: "The Police Authority is dedicated to helping small clubs and organisations across South Wales to help tackle the fear of crime."

Applications must be submitted by November 4. Forms and guidance can be obtained from the website at www.southwalespoliceauthority.org.uk. Alternatively, contact the authority directly on 01656 869366 or email to police.authority@southwales.pnn.police.uk.

Penarth Computer Club: EXPLORING WINDOWS!

PENARTH Computer Club members were exploring Windows at their last meeting.

Steve told the meeting that most new PCs come with Windows pre-installed. He said everyone will want to tinker with the settings to personalise what they are looking at. It makes sense because everybody is different.

Windows is an operating system, which controls the way your computer works. It takes charge immediately you switch on, supervising any programmes set to run on start-up.

It puts little boxes ('windows') on the screen for various purposes. You can have several windows open at the same time and jump between them, or you can enlarge a single one to fill the entire screen.

To do big jobs such as writing your memoirs; taking care of household accounts or sending e-mails you use separate application programmes ('apps').

When you fire up your PC for the first time, Windows desktop (the screen you are looking at) will be set up for you in a generic way. People like to tweak this first to give their desktop a personal 'feel', even if it's just changing the desktop wallpaper to a photo of a loved one - but there are many more changes available."

Steve then had a ramble around what is changeable. In fact it is just about everything. To save making many individual changes, he showed that you could select from an infinite number of themes available for free download. These are collections of desktop pictures (wallpaper), sound schemes, mouse cursors, etc.

Accessibility features helpfully eliminate problems you might have with the keyboard.

• StickyKeys is useful for one-finger typists. StickyKeys allows you to press keys one at a time and still perform a key combination where two keys are supposed to be pressed at the same time.

• FilterKeys is useful if you have the habit of pressing keys for too long (which causes repeat keystrokes), or if you frequently press keys more than once when you type.

• ToggleKeys will cause your PC to alert you with a 'ding' every time you press the Caps Lock or Num Lock keys, because they are often pressed in error.

• Mouse Control Panel allows you to swap the left and right buttons (very useful for left-handers): adjust the sensitivity of mouse or mouse-wheel movement; alter the double-click speed, or find your on-screen cursor by pressing the CTRL key.

Microsoft issues frequent updates for Windows. Automatic updates should already be enabled and should remain so, but the timing of download or installing them is adjustable. Windows Firewall should also remain enabled to prevent unauthorised access from the internet, unless you have bought and installed an internet security package, which will supersede it.

New members were reassured not to be concerned about any bits they couldn't follow as they will become clearer in time. They were encouraged to explore the range of options and select the ones they like. Finding out is part of the fun and life will get easier.

The club next meets on Tuesday, October 11. I will explain the 'Golden Rules' and his 10 best hints and tips. Visitors welcome.

Visit the website penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

HOWARD DESMOND

Fresh look at Sota

TATTOO artist Matt Faulkner is back from tattoo conventions in the United States and is feeling refreshed and inspired.

Matt enthused: "Visiting the US was brilliant. The standard of work in the States is phenomenal and I met some fantastic people and

picked up new ideas and methods of working.

"While I've been away, the shop has had a major re-vamp and is looking great.

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Youth flautists - new groups!

THE youth specialist flute ensemble 'Light Breeze' has been a great success - it rehearsed weekly during the school terms of 2007 and 2010.

It gave its premiere performance as part of the Cowbridge flute and harp recital in 2008, which helped to raise money for Ty Hafan Hospice and together with 'High Winds' flute ensemble, entertained the public with Christmas music in the Glanfa Foyers of the Cardiff Millennium Centre in 2009.

In July 2010, 'Light Breeze' travelled to primary schools in the Vale and performed solos, Welsh and easy listening music with CD backing tracks and piano accompaniment.

Finally, in April 2011, to their credit, ex-members played alongside the BBC National Orchestra of Wales in the Cardiff Millennium Centre as part of the Arcomis Flute event.

Following Light Breeze's great success, Joyce Carter wants to establish a new or a series of new youth flute ensembles, depending on age and ability.

She is a qualified flute specialist with a diploma in flute teaching Licentiate of the Guildhall School of Music (LGSM) and is a qualified and experienced music teacher with a bachelor of education honours degree.

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MYNYDD CYNFFIG JUNIOR
CONGRATULATIONS to the following pupils who were nominated for impressing the staff at the school last week:

Shakur Gough – class 1, Lauren Howe – class 2, Codi Pritchard – class 3, Isabella Price – class 4, Cai Downs – class 5, Amy Ruck – class 6 and Connor Morgan from class 7.

The headteacher's award went to Shauna Lewis.

Congratulations also go to Cory Paul, Senem Akpinar, Imogen Davies, Caitlin Thomas, Jasmijn Delbridge, Ellie Bevan, Lucy Rach, Jude Abraham-Jones, Matthew Briggs and Ewan Orchard for their excellent behaviour during lunchtimes last week and, as a reward, they will be joining Mr Goldsworthy for lunch.

Class Assembly – Tomorrow, Friday, October 7, class 4, with their teacher Miss K Bevan, will be performing their assembly in the school hall starting at 10.15am. Parents, grandparents, family and friends of the pupils taking part are welcome to attend and stay for refreshments after the performance.

School Council – Last week the new School Council was formed, when each class voted for the pupil they wanted to represent them. The following pupils were voted on to the council and will represent the school this year: Mia Thomas, Sam Maddock, Lauren Howe, Sonny Wood, Megan Radmore, Alex Underhill, Grace Griffiths, Codi Pritchard, Olivia



COMMUNITY NEWS from KENFIG HILL AND PYLE
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Magness, Ben Evans, Leon Jones, Senem Akpinar, Jacob Hesketh, Anwen Sleath and Connor McCarthy.

Eco-Week Hat Parade

As part of the School's eco-week activities the children (and parents) were asked to design and make an eco hat.

The response was fantastic and on Thursday afternoon last week they were presented to the school.

Everyone present was able to appreciate the amazing ideas and variety of designs, and also congratulate the winners of the competition, who were: Todd Hind, Megan Evans, Elisha Owen, Callum King, Molly Leyland, Joshua Jones, Jacob Hesketh, Lois Flower, Jack Joy, Niamh O'Halloran, Joshua Urch, Hannah Lewis, Ellie Griffiths and Mathew Leyshon.

Inter school matches

– On Friday, September 23, the School played away to West Park Primary School at netball and rugby. The 'A' rugby team again produced an excellent performance, scoring seven tries.

Luke Dingle produced another good performance scoring three tries and kicking seven conversions. The other tries came from Leon Jones (two) with Connor Morgan and Bradley Jenkins getting one apiece to record a

fine, 49-7 win.

There was an improvement for 'B' team who drew their match at one try each, with Ben Evans scoring for the school.

The 'A', 'B' and 'C' netball teams have not started the season at all well this year, with all three losing their matches. The 'A' team played really well and were unlucky to lose 4-3 and although the 'B' and 'C' teams also lost, all the girls are really enjoying playing and are confident that they will start winning soon.

KENFIG HILL WELLBEING CENTRE

The activities being held by Mental Health Matters on Wednesday 5th in the Talbot Community Centre, Prince Road are:

Creative writing with Val from 1pm to 5pm;

and an information service with Karen from 1pm to 3pm.

There is also a general social afternoon from 1pm to 5pm, when everyone is welcome to enjoy a relaxed afternoon in a friendly environment with a cup of coffee, or join in the various activities provided.

MYNYDD CYNFFIG INFANTS SCHOOL

Healthy Schools

Award – The two year project undertaken by Mynydd Cynffig Infants has been completed.

The whole school were delighted when the fourth leaf was presented to and accepted on behalf of the whole school by Sian Cooper and the newly elected school council.

School Calendar

– Colophony will be in the school on Monday, October 10, taking photographs for this year's calendar.

Year-1 have a busy week ahead as they will be visiting local churches on Tuesday, October 11, and then a Mosque in Cardiff on Wednesday, October 12.

Police Liaison Officer

– On Wednesday, October 12, the local Police Liaison Officer, PC Steve Carpenter, will be in the school working with the nursery and reception children.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Probation Service

– At the recent PACT meeting at Pyle Life Centre, the Neighbourhood Policing Team asked members of the public to suggest cleaning or repair projects that needed doing that could

cast and the speed at which the rivers in this location react, has meant it has been difficult to predict far enough in advance when flooding was likely to happen.

"However, advances in technology have improved our ability to issue warnings automatically."

"I would urge everybody to check whether their property is at risk of flooding by calling Floodline on 0845 988 1188 or visiting our website. Those people who are identified as living within the flood risk area are encouraged to take advantage of this new service."

To find out if a property is at risk of flooding, or to register to receive flood warnings please visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood-wales or call Floodline on 0845 988 1188.



ABOVE: Getting ready to leave on the Talbot Community Centre trip to St Fagans.

be passed on to their partners in the Probation Service for Community Service Work. Following several suggestions made, the Community Service Workers came to the area recently and cleaned up litter from the steps in Ffordd Ddu, Pyle, the grounds of Pyle Police Station and the alleyway that links Commercial Street with the Scope Centre.

There are now plans to clean up the graffiti at St Davids Mews. If there are any further suggestions let the Policing Team know and they will pass it on.

ANPR Operation

– An operation between Pyle Neighbourhood Policing Team, the South Wales Police Automatic Number Plate Recognition Team (ANPR) and the DVLA was held on Thursday, September 22.

It was a successful day, with more than 4,000 vehicles having their number plates read by the cameras. As a result, two vehicles were removed from the road for being driven without insurance, one was removed by the DVLA for being used without road tax and another clamped for the same reason.

There were also nine fixed penalty tickets of £60 issued, and eight warnings given for driving without wearing a seatbelt. Finally, two tickets were issued for driving while using a mobile phone. The NPT said that further operations of this type will be carried out again in the near future.

Shed Break-ins

– A prowler was disturbed while trying to break into a shed at the rear of a house in High Street, Kenfig Hill, during the early hours of the morning on Monday, September 28.

Fortunately, the culprit ran off without taking anything or causing any damage. The NPT would like to advise members of the public to keep all outbuildings securely locked and report any suspicious behaviour or break-ins to them. If they don't know it's happening they cannot respond.

If you have any con-



ABOVE: Sian Cooper and the Mynydd Cynffig Primary School Council.

cerns or issues, ring PCSO Jon Howe on 07805 301491 in strict confidence.

TALBOT COMMUNITY CENTRE

St Fagans

– On Thursday last week, 50 members of the Talbot Community Centre visited the very popular National History Museum, St Fagans. Although it was the end of September, it was like a mid-summer day, which made walking to the different attractions on site that more enjoyable. To finish the day off in style they stopped off on route for an evening meal.

The Talbot Community Centre has become the hub of the village, catering for everyone from the age of eight to eighty.

To join in the fun, telephone Cheryl, on 01656 749754.

SCOPE

Community Cafe and Companions Project – This is a new project for disabled people over the age of 50, started with the help of Lottery funding, by Scope at the Rees Centre in Kenfig Hill.

It will help older people who might live alone or be lonely to get out of their houses and meet other people. They will set up a community Cafe on one morning every week from 10am till 12 noon, serving teas, coffee, biscuits and

cakes. They will not be doing any cooking but people will be able to take their own food if they want to. They can also use the luncheon club in the Talbot Community Centre or get sandwiches from Harry's. There will be regular events including arts and crafts and those attending will also be included in activities such as their 'Healthy Heart Project' which they are calling 'Calon Hapus', which means happy heart.

Volunteers are required to help out at the cafe, with the arts and crafts, and the Calon Hapus activities.

Volunteers will need to befriend older disabled people to help them go on courses, join groups, go to the cinema, bowling and other interesting activities.

As some people might need the help of more than one volunteer to get out and about, there will be plenty of chances of working

together.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer should contact Lynda at Scope as soon as possible as the project is set to start in November.

For further details of this project and the activities of Scope call in to the Rees Centre, which is located at the rear of the Talbot Community Centre, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill or telephone Lynda on 01656 741166.

Flood warning system starts for Nantymoel

PEOPLE living in Nantymoel, are set to benefit from a new free flood warning service, as part of Environment Agency Wales' Floodline. Direct service.

The service, which will be available to properties in the area, will launch on Wednesday, October 26.

Residents at risk of flooding from watercourses in the village will be able to register to receive advance warning of flooding direct to their phone, or by text, email or pager.

Phil Pickersgill, south west Wales flood risk manager for Environment Agency Wales said: "Nantymoel has a history of flooding, but difficulties in fore-

casting and the speed at which the rivers in this location react, has meant it has been difficult to predict far enough in advance when flooding was likely to happen.

"However, advances in technology have improved our ability to issue warnings automatically."

"I would urge everybody

to check whether their property is at risk of flooding by calling Floodline on 0845 988 1188 or visiting our website. Those people who are identified as living within the flood risk area are encouraged to take advantage of this new service."

To find out if a property is at risk of flooding, or to register to receive flood warnings please visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood-wales or call Floodline on 0845 988 1188.

Penybont lifesaving club cleans up beach

PENYBONT Surf Lifesaving Club cleaned up on the weekend with a mass car wash and a beach litter-pick.

On Saturday, club volunteers held a charity car wash in Bridgend and raised more than £400 in donations for new surf lifesaving equipment.

In scorching weather, both adults and children got stuck in, getting a bit wet and having fun cleaning the cars.

The club then teamed up with Keep Wales Tidy (KWT) on Sunday for a beach clean-up.

Ian Harvey, KWT officer said: "We asked Penybont lifeguards to help us with the Great Ogmore Challenge campaign. This three-day event involves volunteers and groups from around Bridgend, RCT and the Vale cleaning the river from source to sea.

"As well as cleaning the environment, we hope to raise awareness of the damage people do by dropping litter.

"Penybont lifeguards were keen to work with us on Sunday. I was impressed when more than 60 mem-

bers came to lend a hand and collected more than two tonnes of rubbish. Their response was fantastic, and everyone was really enthusiastic and committed to cleaning the beach at Ogmore by Sea."

Mike Allen, Penybont Surf Lifesaving Club chairman said: "We were only too pleased when Keep Wales Tidy invited us to be involved in this important project.

"It gave us a chance to help protect our environment where we operate as a lifeguard club.

"Ogmore by Sea is particularly prone to attracting rubbish from three main sources – the river, Bristol Channel, and rubbish that people leave on the beach. We've had some of the largest tides of the year last week and that meant more rubbish on the beach.

"Our members did a sterling job and collected everything from drink bottles to gas bottles."

More clean-up projects between KWT and Penybont lifeguards are planned for next year. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Ian Harvey at KWT on 02920 726994.

NEWS FROM BARRY
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

European Day celebrates diversity of languages

BARRY Comprehensive School pupils celebrated the European Day of Languages with a range of activities celebrating the diversity of language across Europe and the world.

Taster lessons were given in a wide range of languages, including Danish, German, Italian, Norwegian, Slovakian, Spanish and Japanese.

The lessons were delivered by the languages department, along with expert help from colleagues from other departments, visiting retired colleagues and sixth form exchange students, making this a truly international event.

The art department focussed on Africa, with pupils making colourful masks representing different countries while the music department explored European themes in music.

Pupils also had the



ABOVE: Mr Tresilian volunteered for the arduous role of cake competition judge

opportunity of preparing, cooking and eating a selection of tasty international dishes including Indian onion bhajees, Spanish tortillas and Italian bruschetta and meatballs.

European-themed quizzes were organised in other lessons and the Learning Resource Centre throughout the day.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

BARRY Comprehensive joined other schools and offices across the UK last Friday to support the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Pupils, parents and staff contributed cakes which Sixth Form students sold to eager pupils at break time. Staff made and submitted a mouth-watering selection to the cake competition, which was judged by resident expert, Mr Tresilian.

The school also welcomed a number of special guests to the Learning Resource Centre to join in with the fundraising, including Alun Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM and members of the Royal British Legion.

The coffee morning was great fun, and also raised £500 for the Macmillan charity.

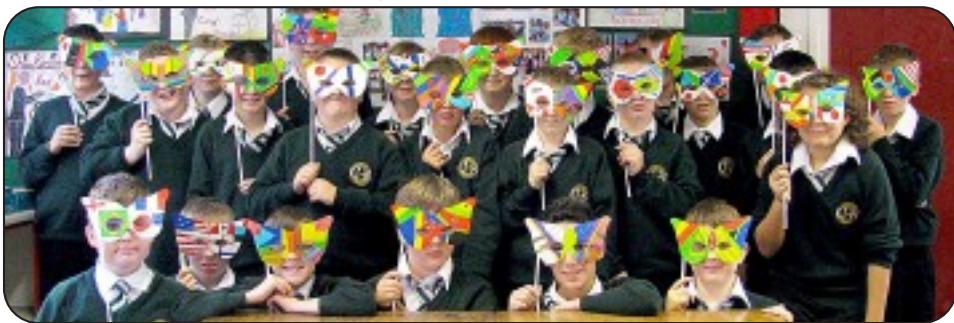
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ABOVE: These Indian onion bhajees taste as good as they look!

Praise from minister

JANE HUTT AM has visited the newly refurbished Careers Wales offices on Holton Road, Barry, to congratulate Mark Freeman and his team on upgrading their premises to better meet the needs of their clients. Pictured are Ms Hutt AM; Mark Freeman, head of Careers Wales in Cardiff and the Vale; and Ana Cambridge, careers advisor.



ABOVE: African masks in the Art Room



LEFT: Jane Hutt AM, with head-teacher David Swallow, assistant headteacher Robert Green and sixth form students.

Busy start to month for Penarth mayor

IT has been busy start to October for Penarth Mayor, Councillor Anthony Ernest.

On Tuesday last week, he hosted a reception for representatives of local groups who took part in this year's Summer Festival, and on Friday he visited Ty Dewi Sant to congratulate a resident who was celebrating her 101st birthday, presenting her with a small gift to honour the occasion.

On Saturday evening at the Cogan Coronation Club, Councillor Ernest and his wife joined a gathering of members of Penarth Petanque Club, which was cel-

brating its 25th anniversary as a club, regularly playing in the grounds of The Kymin.

On Monday this week, the Mayor visited the Washington Gallery for a presentation by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and on Tuesday he and Mrs Gaynor Ernest were scheduled to visit Penarth WRVS Tuesday Club, to celebrate the club's 50th birthday, at the Paget Rooms.

The Mayor said he was very pleased that so many organisations had asked him to attend their celebrations, and that this highlighted just some of the people and groups that contributed so much to the town.

VALEWAYS WALKS

On Sunday, October 9 at 2pm, the Monks Walks starting at Llanwit Major Town Hall car park. Contact 01446 749000.

On Tuesday, October 11 at 1.30pm, walk around Rhoose. Meet at Rhoose station car park. Contact 07889 522321.

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In 1951 a hugely popular and well-known retailer in Newport started life as an upholstery business in an Anderson shelter in The Gaer, Newport.

Within a short period of time this one-man operation, established by Richard Sheppard, expanded into a workshop with twenty men employed and then into a retail outlet on Commercial Road in the town.

By the late 60s, 1968 to be precise, Richard Sheppard invested in a new premises – the former Paul's Builder's Merchants, which is now the furniture department store we all know as George Street Furnishers.

The original concept for what was then called George Street Warehouse was an outlet where people could buy top brand furniture at low prices. Having moved from its position on the main shopping street of Commercial Road, George Street Furnishers became one of the town's first 'out of town' stores – and quickly



grew in both reputation and popularity. The unique position of the warehouse made for easy expansion allowing the Sheppard family to develop the store from a warehouse to its current form – a one-stop store for the whole home.

Around thirty years ago Richard's sons Martyn and Graham became involved in the business, taking it over and moving it forward. As the store expansion continued the selection of fantastic products available grew, with George

Street Furnishers now offering

in Cardiff five years ago which quickly became well-established within the capital city.

Currently employing fifty people locally, this family business continues to hold strong, developing even through the current tough economic times and planning ahead for the future. The third generation of the Sheppard family are now becoming involved in the business with Martyn and Graham's sons Adam, Luke, Joseph and Jared all active in various capacities.

George Street Furnishers caters beautifully for all shoppers, from first-time buyers looking

for flooring products, George Street Furnishers really is a one-stop shop when it comes to furnishing your home.

So what is the secret to this fantastic local store's sixty years of success? "Throughout its life, since its days as an upholstery business to now, George Street Furnishers has been focused on offering a quality personal service with excellent customer care and after-sales service," says Martyn Sheppard.

"I strongly believe that it's this concept that now sees us furnishing the homes of up to three generations of some families."

October 8 and 9 will see George Street Furnishers celebrate its 60th anniversary in true style. The whole weekend will be dedicated to the celebration with a host of special offers in store and lots of giveaways, including a £1000 in store gift voucher up for grabs.

With delivery available before Christmas on most products, this



weekend could be the perfect time to treat your home to that new piece, while celebrating the fantastic achievement of one of the city's longest-established retailers.

"I strongly believe that it's this concept that now sees us furnishing the homes of up to three generations of some families."

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Mixed martial arts drama packs a physical and emotional punch

IN 2002, the crew of the Starship Enterprise embarked upon another adventure in *Star Trek: Nemesis*, which featured a young Jean Luc Picard, played by an unknown thespian called Tom Hardy.

The film's lack of success (it is the only film I have ever walked out of!) saw the young Brit build up his resume in little-seen low-budget films or on television, no doubt awaiting a breakthrough role which would show off his undoubted talent.

If the 2008 double whammy of *RocknRolla* and *Bronson* merely reaffirmed Hardy's abilities (the latter being an incendiary performance), then last year's *Inception* proved to be his Hollywood breakthrough.

Charity concert

'A MUSICAL Celebration' will take place at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, Bridgend, on Wednesday, October 12, 6.30pm for 7pm.

The evening is being presented by compere Mr Tony Morgan, director at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen; musical director Mrs Andrea Stockton and headteacher Mr Andrew

Due to team up with Christopher Nolan again in the final part of the director's *Batman* trilogy next year as the villainous Bane, Hardy appears to be on the right track career-wise, and he pops up on the big screen now in *Warrior*.

The film tells the story of two estranged brothers, Tommy (Hardy) and Brendan (Joel Edgerton), whose lives have not panned out as they planned.

The former is a ball of anger, asking for fight training from his estranged father (Nick Nolte) but with no desire to rekindle familial relationships, while the latter is a school teacher with financial worries, resorting to fighting in car parks to make money.

When the pair independently decide to enter a mixed martial arts tournament, they are on crash course to make

their history come out into the open...

Given the rise of mixed martial arts through the likes of *Strikeforce* and, most notably, *UFC*, it isn't all that surprising that Hollywood has decided to make a film out of it.

It is similarly unsurprising that they have broken out the traditional sports film template with which to showcase the fighting action – yet, while this could have been a by-the-numbers sports film that follows the usual road, *Warrior* somehow manages to make itself stand out from the crowd.

Yes, it most certainly isn't a departure from your usual underdog sports film, but it does throw in enough variants to the regular mix to keep things interesting.

Whereas you usually have your one primary rootable lead, here you have two, both of whom manage to elicit sympathy from the audience (although Hardy's is the less clear cut of the pair).

In fact, the family dynamic is the key ingredient in the film, taking it beyond the usual pattern and offering something deeper for you to chew on.

Co-writing alongside Anthony Tambakis and Cliff Dorman, director Gavin O'Connor is on familiar turf here, having previously directed ice hockey drama *Miracle* and having co-written and directed family drama *Pride and*

Warren.

Organised by the Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeals Standing Committee and Bridgend borough Mayor Coun Christopher Michaelides, the event will support a host of local charities.

Tickets are £5, children free.

For more information, contact M Major on 01656 664105 or Mr Doug John on 01656 861594 or the coleg on 01656 815920.

Quilters hold exhibition to celebrate 30 years



Above: Some of the Glamorgan Quilters preparing for the exhibition. Margaret Skinner is on the right

THE Glamorgan Quilters are in the final stages of preparing for an exhibition to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

The exhibition of quilts will take place in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15.

BBC Wales newsreader Lucy Owen will open the exhibition at 11am on the Friday.

Two quilts made by members will be the top prizes in a raffle to be drawn on Saturday afternoon by Cowbridge town councillor Len Taylor. There is a quilt-covered journal to go with each,

containing photographs recording the stages of production of the quilts. There are also lots of other prizes to be won, including more quilts and vouchers for Waitrose and Tesco.

The entry fee is £3 and includes refreshments. There will be a sales table and a trader present on each day, and demonstrations on quilting. It will be open 11am - 5pm on Friday and 10am - 3pm on Saturday. Profits will go to the chairman's charity, which this year is the British Heart Foundation.

For further information and raffle tickets, contact the chairman Mrs Margaret Skinner on 01446 774820.

Glory. His knowledge of both the sports film dynamic, along with the familial relationship angle pays dividends, managing to mesh the two elements together without either one losing impact.

While the sports element does have a degree of predictability about it, as the tournament goes on you become more intrigued by the possible outcomes and the impact they have upon the characters, both realising defeat will be curtains for their respective dreams, while the family element is well served by offering no easy solutions and striving for reality without reverting to the cheesy pay-offs that so often appear in these films.

Similarly, the performances help to sell the reality of the story, with both Edgerton and Hardy in the leads offering some wonderful turns. Certainly, Hardy has the more difficult of the two, his character layered and far more sketched in than Edgerton's luckless teacher, but his performance is watchable and engaging, a tightly wound spring uncoiling only when inside the octagon, as his opponents discover.

Meanwhile Edgerton (who eagle-eyed *Star Wars* fans will recognise as the young Uncle Owen from *Attack of the Clones*) shows how under-rated an actor he is with a performance that could have slipped into mawkish sentimentality as the man trying to help his family survive, but is giving grit and steel by the actor in a turn that should signpost him as an actor of some renown.

Completing the triumvirate of excellent performances is Nick

Verdict - Predictable yet gloriously engaging and watchable, *Warrior* transcends its genre origins to become a film that adds gravitas to the subject matter. With Gavin O'Connor's direction both gritty and focused, and Tom Hardy, Joel Edgerton and Nick Nolte delivering top performances, *Warrior* is a truly superb film.

Highly recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Rocky* (1976), *Any Given Sunday* (1999), *The Karate Kid* (1984).

Brass band's annual concert

TICKETS have just gone on sale for RAF St Athan Voluntary Band's 73rd annual concert.

The event will be held at Llantwit Major School on Saturday, October 22, starting at 7.30pm.

Joining the band on stage will be the Caerphilly Male Choir.

There will be classic choir numbers and a band programme drawn from the band's summer successes at the National Eisteddfod of Wales and the recent Miners' Eisteddfod in Porthcawl – complete with the usual spectacular joint band and choir numbers.

Tickets are £7 (£5 concessions) and are available from Chris Davies Estate Agents, East Street, Llantwit Major; from band members; by phone on 01446 798527 or e-mail dom@4sti.mod.uk. Check out the band's website at rafstathanvoluntaryband.co.uk.

Competition winner

THE winner of the voucher for £20 for The Bead Room at Boxes and Busts, Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Barry, as promoted in The Glamorgan GEM on September 8, is Mrs Vivienne Biddiscombe, Burlington Street, Barry.

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

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Vale dancers excel at world championships



ABOVE: Lewis Jenkins, Rebecca Jenkins and Louise Thorne

AS was reported in last week's GEM, three local dancers are celebrating their success at the World Dance Masters Championships, held in Manchester in August.

Lewis Jenkins, Rebecca Jenkins and Louise Thorne (from Rhoose and Barry) all became world champions in Solo style at the annual event, where dancers come from countries all over the world to compete for one

of the coveted titles.

Lewis Jenkins won the Division 2 advanced teenage male division and has now qualified to compete in Allstars – the highest division overall.

Rebecca Jenkins won the world champion title in Division 3 intermediate junior female, and Louise Thorne won the Division 3 intermediate open female title; both will now move up to Division 2.

PENODI GWENNOL HAF YN SWYDDOG Y DYSGWYR

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GWENNOL HAF IS APPOINTED LEARNERS OFFICER

THE National Eisteddfod has appointed Gwennol Haf as its learners' officer for the next year, to promote the language in the Vale of Glamorgan.

people are aware of the opportunities available. This is the Eisteddfod's first visit to the Vale of Glamorgan for over 40 years, and I hope that people will get a taste for the language before next August."

Elfed Roberts, National Eisteddfod Chief Executive, added: "I'm delighted to welcome Gwennol to the team, and I am certain she will make a great contribution towards the Eisteddfod's work locally."

"We will work hard to ensure that the festival leaves a linguistic legacy in the Vale, and I hope local people will get involved and start learning Welsh."

Gwennol is based in the Eisteddfod's office in Cardiff, and can be reached by ringing 0845 4090 300.

The Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod is to be held on the old airfield at Llandow from August 4-11 next year.

Get writing for the Eisteddfod!

THERE'S less than two months to go before the first closing dates for entries for the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod.

Although only a few weeks have passed since the end of the Wrexham and District National Eisteddfod, preparations for next year's festival are already gathering pace.

Entries for the Prose Medal or the Daniel Owen Memorial Prize in 2012, must be in by 1 December.

In 2012, the Prose Medal will be awarded for a volume of creative prose, no more than 40,000 words, responding to the title 'Migration'. The medal and £750 prize were donated by Janet and Glenda and family in memory of Bill and Megan James. This year's adjudicators are Gwerfyl Pierce Jones, Aled Islwyn and Fflur Dafydd.

The Daniel Owen Memorial Prize is awarded for an unpublished novel of no fewer than 50,000 words. John Rowlands, Gareth F. Williams and Sioned Williams are the 2012 adjudicators and the winner will receive £5,000 and the medal.

The Eisteddfod is held on the old airfield at Llandow on August 4-11 next year. For more information, go to www.eisteddfod.org.uk.



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The open mornings on 17th, 18th & 19th of October are a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action during the working day and to experience the quality of education and care of which the school is so proud. All prospective parents are welcome, no appointments necessary.

Examination Success:

Mr Phil Whitcombe, Headteacher is absolutely delighted with the current academic performance of the pupils. In the last year there has been yet another significant rise in the numbers of pupils gaining 5 or more A* to C grade at GCSE level, which now stands at 69%, 25% above CAT Targets.

The GCSE results have risen by 28% in the last 7 years and the school has exceptionally high value added, performance at the highest benchmark levels at all Key Stages and is well ahead of Vale and National targets for similar schools.

This year, over 40% of the pupils gained at least 10 top grade GCSEs with the most successful gaining 14 GCSEs. This marks another outstanding year of examination success for the pupils of Bryn Hafren.

Curriculum:

Bryn Hafren offers a rich, broad and balanced curriculum with lessons being taught in modern high specification rooms. The school has recently refurbished many areas including Science Laboratories, ICT suites, the Art Department, Food Technology and Learning Resource Centre. Recent building additions include a Hair and Beauty suite and an Astro Turf area. The curriculum has further been enhanced by the addition of Wider Key Skills at KS3, giving pupils an equivalent of 2 GCSEs at grade B. The Welsh Baccalaureate is studied in KS4 and KS5, giving the pupils additional and vital qualifications as they move into further education or employment. The provision of extra curricular activities is an outstanding feature of the school and extends pupils' learning experiences.

Pastoral Care:

The school is very proud of the pastoral care given to all pupils. We strive to create a happy, working atmosphere where all pupils are valued and encouraged to fulfil their potential. The Year Heads and Form Tutor system offers good support and guidance in a caring community. Progress is monitored and individual pupils are encouraged to achieve academic success in a fully inclusive environment. The school works closely with parents via Form Tutor and Parents' Evenings through the year. In addition the school welcomes individual contact with parents as required.



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outdoor pursuits. Pupils recently visited
Mt Vesuvius, Sorrento, Italy.



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rewarded for good attendance, effort
improvement and excellence in lessons.



The King and I – The Performing Arts Department produced a highly successful production of the King and I, pupils in all year groups were involved. The production gained the school the best overall youth production in South Wales at the Glammie Awards.



*The Learning Resource Centre is available
for pupil use before school, break and
lunchtimes as well as after school.*

School's fun language day!

PUPILS at Bryn Hafren School marked the school's language day by getting well-and-truly into the spirit of things.

They arrived at school in a variety of national costumes, and did all they could to capture the spirit of their chosen country.



Chris goes for gold

A YOUNG achiever from Barry will pick up his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award in the prestigious setting of St James's Palace, London.

Chris White is among hundreds of youngsters from across the UK who will be heading to the palace on October 17 to receive certificates from the award scheme's patron and

founder, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, and Gold award holder HRH The Earl of Wessex.

Chris attended the Bishop of Llandaff High School, Cardiff, where he achieved his Gold award.

The award presentation is a recognition of Chris's hard work, determination and perseverance in completing the unique and challenging Gold Duke of Edinburgh programme.



Chris White

Debut novel for local author

VALE author Anthony Lavisher will be at Barry Library to sign copies of his debut novel.

Anthony, who lives in Boerton, has written *Whispers of a Storm*, a Medieval-styled action adventure story that follows a stonemason and a noblewoman's fortunes as they unwittingly become involved in a dangerous game of survival.

"I am inspired by writers like Tolkien and David Gemmell, but I have also had people that don't usually read this genre tell me they were hooked," said Anthony.

He will be at Barry Library talking about and signing copies of Whispers of a Storm between 10.30am and 12 noon, and 1pm-2.30pm on Tuesday, October 11.

Alpine adventure for Barry U3A walkers

BARRY U3A Walkers have recently returned from a holiday in the Julian Alps in Slovenia.

This beautiful area of mountains and lakes, within the Triglav National Park, enabled the group to take part in a variety of walks on high mountain tracks, Alpine meadows, deep glacial valleys and walks around Lake Bled and Lake Bohinj.



The Barry U3A Walkers at the Julian Alps in Slovenia

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The local councillor Chris Elmore said he hoped the upgrade would provide a boost for local business people. "I know that having spoken to business people, they have been waiting for quite a time to see this development, and hope that in the long term there will be benefits for them," he said.

Eileen Moore, the manager of the local drop-in centre, agreed that the pristine look would attract new interest in the area.

"I think it will increase the footfall and encourage more shoppers and investors," she said.

Eileen added that local volunteers still planned to add planters to Thompson Street, adding to the trees that have already been planted on the

opposite side from the new street lights.

One question that people are now asking is: What will happen to the building currently housing the magistrates' court? It is due to close on December 16, and among the suggestions The GEM has received for its future use have been an arts centre, a cinema and a venue for local dance groups.

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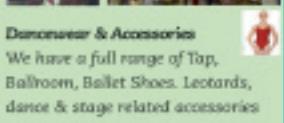
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Dancing queen Wendy hopes to waltz away with top care award

A SALSA enthusiast from Barry is hoping to hit the right notes with the judges of a prestigious awards scheme.

Wendy Harvey has been shortlisted for one of the 2011 Wales Care Awards, organised by Care Forum Wales to highlight excellence in the caring profession.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony

in City Hall, Cardiff, on October 21, and Wendy is a finalist in the category for Commitment to Training and Workforce Development.

For the past four years she has been care supervisor for All Care (South Wales), and since completing the 'Train the Trainer' course in 2008, has been the group's training officer, a role which

gives her much satisfaction.

For several years Wendy, of Mountbatten Road, Barry, worked in the retail sector but as her daughter grew older she fancied becoming a nurse, an ambition which she wasn't able to realise when her second child was born.

Instead, she became a carer seven years ago, joining All Care after

three years.

She was nominated for the award by her manager – and salsa partner – Emma James, who said she had created quite an impression with colleagues and service-users.

"Having worked alongside Wendy on numerous occasions I have witnessed her delivering care in a very dignified manner," she said. "She always focuses on people's abilities rather than their disabilities and continually promotes independence."

"She is highly thought of among her supervisors due to her caring and understanding approach to all problems faced by our staff," she added.

As part of her training role, Wendy has emphasised the importance of treating service-users with dignity, an issue high on the agenda of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Her nomination was supported by Amanda Heathfield, who joined All Care in 2010 and benefited from Wendy's training and supervision.

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nities can be given the send-off they deserve.

"In the past, the time to go to Coya church Crematorium or Thornhill could take in excess of 45 minutes.

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There are also two large LCD screens, which can be used for photographs and a slideshow of a loved one during funeral services.

Mr Ellis added: "This is something that the Vale has needed for a long time and thanks to Memoria Crematoria it has now happened."



ABOVE:
Wendy Harvey is up
for a care award.

Vale MP champions college as leader in special needs provision

ALUN CAIRNS, MP for the Vale, last week visited Beechwood College, which helps to improve the lives of those with learning disabilities.

He was given a guided tour of the new facilities at the college, which is Wales' first and only specialist residential college of further education for students over the age of 16 years with an autistic spectrum condition (ASC) or Asperger's Syndrome.

Following the national art competition, 'Create! Art for Autism', which ran from March to June, Beechwood College is holding an exhibition in London from October 15-21 to showcase the



ABOVE: Alun Cairns with Darren Jackson.

outstanding artwork from national strategy to raise the competition finalists' awareness for autism provision.

"As well as being our local MP, Alun Cairns has a huge amount of enthusiasm for improving the lives of those with autism and we're excited about his support for our work in the future."

New crematorium is opened in Barry

THE Vale Of Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium opened on October 3 at Port Road East on the outskirts of Barry.

Lyndsay Ellis of Park Independent Funeral Directors said the new facility would spare bereaved families in Barry and other areas of the Vale a long journey to Bridgend or north Cardiff.

"I have recently visited the crematorium on various occasions, and witnessed the change from start to finish over the past few months, prior to the opening."

"The transformation has been amazing. The crematorium creates a sense of reflection and offers tranquil surroundings for families, so that loved

ones can be given the send-off they deserve.

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nity for the first time she was great," wrote Amanda. "She made me feel at ease while still maintaining excellent professionalism."

Wendy said she derived great satisfaction from seeing the newcomers progress and gain in confidence from their induction through the mentoring stage to coping on their own.

Mario Kreft MBE, the honorary chief executive of Care Forum Wales, said the Wales Care Awards had gone

from strength to strength.

He said: "The aim is to recognise the unstinting and often remarkable dedication of our unsung heroes and heroines across Wales."

"The care sector is

full of wonderful people

because it's not just a

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Harvest Supper keeps Organ Appeal on track

by Ann Elliott

THE Organ Appeal at All Saints' Church, Barry, was given another big boost last week, with a cheque for £420.

The money was raised at the annual Harvest Supper organised by the Mothers' Union and held in a packed church hall on Thursday, September 29.

The evening included a buffet supper and raffle, followed by entertainment by the Spectrum Singers from Penarth, who were delighted to support the appeal.

The audience was treated to an eclectic mix of *a capella* singing, ranging from *Autumn Leaves* to *On Top of the World*, which was enthusiastically received.

The Organ Appeal total has already reached £12,000 since its launch in May. The appeal, which will run until 2013, remains on track to reach the 12-month target of £35,000.

In total, £70,000 is required to repair the fine organ.

The next fundraising event will be a 'Music and



ABOVE: Mothers' Union treasurer Ann Hollinshead presenting a cheque to Father Adrian Berry and parish deputy treasurer Dave Ball.

Monologues' event on Thursday, October 20, at All Saints' Church organised by Gill Davies.

With the emphasis on humour, the Gill Davies Players are experienced and professional performers who have raised funds for many organisations in and around Cardiff and the Vale and they are delighted to be support-

ing the Organ Appeal.

It will be a diverse programme of some old favourites such as Gilbert and Sullivan, *Sunset Boulevard* and *The Mikado* and some new works and monologues.

Tickets are £8 and can be obtained by telephoning 01446 409227 or 01446 745997.

Eileen's Tree-mendous art!



ABOVE: Eileen Allan with her charcoal study 'Totem'.

Photo by Eve Hart

AN exhibition of work inspired by an artist's love of trees is going on show in Barry.

Eileen Allan's exhibition, *Treescape*, will open at the Travellers Gallery in the town on Monday, October 17.

Eileen has loved trees since childhood, and since moving to South Wales in 1967, Porthkerry Woods near Barry have inspired many of her drawings and paintings, which have been shown widely in the UK and abroad.

Her tree drawings are not 'sketches', but dynamic works that analyse the structures found in nature. The drawings have then inspired

many of her paintings and mixed media works. Eileen said: "The rhythmic energy of growth and the disintegration of decay are all visual elements I seek to express in my drawing and painting."

The exhibition at the gallery in Barry Station, Broad Street, is open mornings, Monday to Friday, until November 24.

The Travellers Gallery exhibition programme is run in partnership by Mind in the Vale and VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists).

For details contact Mind in the Vale on 01446 730792, or go to www.mindinthevale.org.uk or www.voga.org.uk.

Curry and quiz night

BARRY and Penarth Lions Club is holding a curry and quiz night at St Andrews Major Golf Club, Barry, on Friday, October 14 (7.30pm for 8pm).

The evening includes a selection of curries, a raffle and spot prizes. Proceeds to Marie Curie. Tickets are £10. Phone 0845 8336742 or 07913 296879, or visit www.barrylionsclub.co.uk.

Harvest Festival at St Lawrence



ABOVE: The fruits of the festival at St Lawrence at Lavernock.

AT the recent Harvest Festival, the Friends of St Lawrence at Lavernock were delighted by the efforts of the work party and flower arrangers to 'Autumn Clean' and decorate the small, listed, Medieval church and chancel

with seasonal produce.

The family of recently-departed Beverley Preece were present and special prayers were offered for her and all the family.

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Indian summer enjoyed at Llantwit Major beach



PHOTOS by ANDY WICKS

AN enjoyably, and unusually warm, early October saw beaches full of people making the most of the 'Indian summer' – and as Andy Wicks' pictures demonstrate, this was very much true at Llantwit Major beach!



LOCAL people are invited to join the wardens for an action-packed 'geocache day' at council-run Kenfig National Nature Reserve on Sunday, October 9.

The day will consist of a hi-tech treasure hunt with the aid of GPS systems or handheld devices such as smart phones, in which players will try to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using GPS-enabled devices and then share their experiences online.

A spokeswoman explained: 'Geocaching uses two recent technologies, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and the internet. A typical cache is a small waterproof container and inside you will discover your 'treasure', which usually consists of some small gifts. You can take a gift and then leave one of your own. "Geocaching dates back to 2000 when the first cache was hidden. Since then it's become a hugely popular hobby and even more accessible with the invention of the smart phone, with caches being hidden all over the country from rocky countryside ridges to nooks and crannies in city centers.

"With a huge presence online, geocaching is an activity growing in popularity. There are more than five million geocachers worldwide in more than 100 countries around the world and on all seven continents, including Antarctica."

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'FLYING THE FLAG!'



Bridgend school signs up for a new 'green' outlook

AS reported in last week's GEM, pupils from Brynteg School went green on Thursday as they raised a flag marking the beginning of a new 'green' era.

The school has registered for The Co-operative's Green Schools Revolution programme, a new green initiative which will see practical environmental studies brought to life inside and outside of the classroom.

Mike Ash-Edwards,

the regional secretary for The Co-operative Wales, said: "There is clearly a huge appetite for learning about eco-issues among children and our programme is designed to satisfy that.

"It is packed with free school trip ideas, lots of lesson plans,

and green activity ideas to do at home as well."

The Co-operative's Green Schools Revolution is a new sustainability education programme available free to all schools in the UK.

'GEO-CACHE' DAY



The bleak beauty of Sker beach.

Local Bridgend Rights of Way team on 01656 642593. Start at Kenfig National Nature Reserve, reserve centre

St Helen's hosts annual concert



BARRY Male Voice Choir will hold its 109th annual concert in St Helen's RC Church, Court Road, Barry, on October 7 at 7pm.

For newest recruits, Peter Salmon and Sion Old (pictured with musical director Dorothy Connell at a recent concert in the Millennium Centre), it will be their first annual concert.

Sion, at 20 years of age, is the choir's youngest member.

The choir will be joined by soprano Ffion Perrett and accompanied by Emma Arcott.

Further details are available on the choir's website – please go to: www.barrymalevoicechoir.co.uk.

Two narrow victories for Pencoed under-15s

Kristen Morgan.

ABERDARE

Pencoed under-15s welcomed Rumney RFC to their home ground last Sunday.

In the first half, Pencoed battled hard, and Liam Bowen scored the first try, successfully converted by Chris Cooper.

The Pencoed pack were strong in the scrums and lineouts, and good handling from the backs allowed Liam Bowen to score his second, taking the half-time score to 12-0.

In the second half, Rumney fought back with two tries, both converted.

Tensions were high as the game neared its end, but Johnny Clatworthy was able to score a try before the whistle, giving Pencoed another win, 17-14.

Squad: James Merchant, Scott Ewing, Jayke Broker, Cole Lewis, Jac Briggs, Owain Clarke, Morgan Jefferies, Joe Watkins, Josh Maunder, Daniel Maiden, Aled Barghery, Lloyd Webb, Rhys Brownsell, Chris Cooper, Jason Clatworthy, Alex King, Johnny Clatworthy, Liam Bowen, Kristian Morgan, Ellis Jamie Dyer, Ellis Griffiths, Joe Watkins, Griffiths, Patrick Liam Bowen and Jason Canham, Jordan Fox and

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WHAT'S ON IN YOUR AREA

History lectures

THE winter series of lectures for Dinas Powys Local History Society commences on Tuesday, October 11, at Kynance Hall.

The evening will begin with the AGM at 6.30pm, followed by an illustrated talk by Dr Alan Lane on 'The Powys Hillfort, Hall of

a Dark Age King or a nest of Irish Robbers?' at 7.30pm.

An administrative fee of £1.50 will be charged at the door for non-members and £1 for members.

All are very welcome to attend. Further details from Jeff Childs, telephone 02920 513615.

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Society at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, meets on October 11 at 2.15pm when Mrs Jackie Beard, of Cinderford, will give a demonstration entitled

'Colour through the Seasons'. New members welcome.

Quilters' exhibition

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Quilters are holding an exhibition in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on October 14, 11am-5pm and Saturday, October 15 (10am-3pm). The 60 members

meet monthly in Old Hall, Cowbridge.

This year is the 30th anniversary and an exhibition is being held to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation.

There will be a variety of work exhibited, individually made by members. Entrance is £3, includes refreshments. Further information from Hilary Carney on 01446 774543 or hilarycarney@gmail.com.

Girls reunited!

AN informal get-together is being held for Barry Girls Grammar/Bryn

Hafren girls, 1970-75 (Sixth form '77) at Coffee Cove Wine Bar, Esplanade, Barry Island, on Friday, October 14, 7.30pm until late.

Telephone 01446 406542 for details.

Rhoseo art exhibition

RHOOSE Art Group is holding an annual exhibition and sale of work on October 15 at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoseo.

It runs from 11am to 5pm. Come and view the work, have a cup of tea and a chat.

Everyone will be made welcome.

WIN TICKETS TO CLOTHES SHOW LIVE IN ASSOCIATION WITH SUZUKI!

Clothes Show Live, the UK's biggest fashion and beauty event returns for its 23rd year with even more fashion, beauty and shopping than ever from the 2-7 December at Birmingham's NEC.

With hundreds of leading fashion and beauty brands, non-stop catwalk shows, hair and beauty demonstrations, leading industry experts and the UK's favourite celebrities - it's the ultimate girls' day out. And what's more, you could be going for free.

Clothes Show Live in association with Suzuki is giving 3 lucky winners a pair of tickets to this years show!

(Valid Friday December 2 only).

Whether looking for the latest, cutting edge fashion; glamorous catwalk shows featuring not-yet-seen designer collections; the perfect opportunity to pamper and relax; AND much much more - this year's Clothes Show Live is bigger and better than ever.

Boujouis, Juicy Couture and Benefit are among the shows well known and best loved fashion and beauty brands to shop from; Parade, George Lamb and Jeff Brazier are among the list of celebrity attendees to keep the crowd entertained; while Jamie Stephens, Karl Willett and Caryn Franklin will all be on hand to give demonstrations and their vital advice about the industry - there's more reasons than ever to visit this year's Clothes Show Live.

Combining all the razzle and dazzle of a West End Show and the glamour of a catwalk show at New York Fashion Week Clothes Show Live's famous Fashion Theatre performance is a reason in itself to come to Clothes Show Live. Over 40 models and dancers take to the world's longest catwalk to showcase the latest collections from everyone from Henry Holland to DKNY and Adidas to New Look in an original themed catwalk show. This year's theme is 'The Department Store', with eight scenes each inspired by the different levels of famous New York Department store Bloomingdale's.

Back for its second year, The Dance Show at Clothes Show Live, will once again be the must-attend event of the year for any dance enthusiast. Running for the whole six days from 2 - 7 December, The Dance Show will feature amazing live performances, interactive dance classes, the UK's leading dancewear brands, master-classes from the professionals, seminars and awards. The Dance Show has something for every dance fan in the country.

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Clothes Show Live in association with Suzuki and The Dance Show take place at Birmingham's NEC, from 2-7 December 2011. Tickets are available online now at clothesshowlive.com or by calling the box office on 0844 581 1256.

Let us know 'what's on' where you are - email gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

Chris Andre to wow them at Ship Inn

A MUSICIAN with the rather famous surname of 'Andre' is appearing at the Ship Inn, Barry, on October 27.

Chris Andre, a multi-instrumentalist, is the brother of Peter Andre and has helped to write for his better-known sibling.

Chris plays the Spanish guitar, electric guitar, bouzouki and the violin.

He can be seen on ITV's *Peter Andre - The Next Chapter*, and he also appeared on *Celebrity Family Fortunes*.

He explained: "I enjoy the thrill of playing the larger arenas such as the

02, but also the interaction of audiences in the smaller venues."

Chris is a songwriter, composer and producer, who works with his own band and for his brother.

He wrote the music for Peter Andre's last hit *Mercy On Me*.

Clive Marshallsay, the manager of the Ship Inn, told the GEM: "Chris will also be appearing at the Oyster Catcher in Penarth the night before he performs in Barry.

"I have seen him perform and he is a true musician - it is great to have him coming to the Ship Inn."

Chris Andre's set begins at 8pm on October 27.

Cardiff Toy and Train Sale

THE fourth (and last of 2011) toy and trains collectors' bonanzas takes place at Penarth Leisure Centre on Saturday, October 15, between 10.30am and 3pm.

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NETBALL

YEAR-8 and 9 netball teams played their first games of the season against Stanwell away on Wednesday, September 21.

On a windy afternoon, both teams got off to slow starts, taking a while to adapt their game to cope with the weather conditions.

Overhead passes went astray and were easily intercepted by Stanwell.

At half-time, the year-8 team were just ahead 2-1 and the year-9 team were losing 2-4.

In the second half, the year-8 Cowbridge girls focused on short, sharp passes and only coming forward for the ball, resulting in far fewer mistakes, and Cowbridge quickly took the lead to 3-1.

Excellent defence from Ffion Vickers and Sashini Jayasinghe prevented the Stanwell attack really getting into the game, and well converted shots by Lucy Housley and Olivia Jones enabled Cowbridge to extend their lead.

Seren Allin at WA, Maya Bell at C and Jemma Viney at WD ensured the game remained composed and Cowbridge secured a strong 7-3 win. Well done girls!

Player of the match went to Seren Allin.

After a shaky start to their first half, the year-9 girls came out fighting and Emily Davies at GS secured the first goal of the half for Cowbridge.

Solid defence from Hannah Lister-Sims at GD, Rebecca Thomas at GK and Sally Gambling at WD ensured that Cowbridge kept possession and Kim Jerwood at GA stretched the score to 4-4.

Megan McNamee at C and Ellie Hicks at WA provided some excellent linking court play and feeds into the circle for the shooters, and a solid performance from the whole team enabled Cowbridge to forge ahead and secure a 6-5 win.

An impressive comeback, well done girls.

Player of the match went to Kim Jerwood.

Under-16 trials – Congratulations to Caitlin Allin and Liz Whitehouse who were selected at the under-16 county netball trials.

They will now face final selection at the first county training sessions; good luck girls!

The year-10 and 11 teams began their season against St Richard Gwyn on Monday, September 26, and got off to a strong start.

The year-11s forged ahead in the first half

with excellent turnovers from Caitlin Allin, Bethan Sloan and Nadine Jayasinghe in defence, ensuring Nancie Edwards at GS and Mairi Boxall at GA could capitalise on their shots. Cowbridge led 9-2 at half-time.

In the second half, Liz Whitehouse at C and Anna Wynne at WA provided excellent feeds into the shooters and controlled the game well to ensure Cowbridge maintained their lead.

Cowbridge finished the game winning 18-4.

The year-10s also started strongly, only conceding one goal in the first half and scoring 12 themselves.

Excellent linking play between Jo Wilkins at GA and Lydia Hitchings at GS ensured St Richard Gwyn was kept out of the game.

In the second half, solid defence from Sarah Lewis at GK and Olivia Brown at GD prevented the St Richard Gwyn shooters from really getting into the game and the score finished 22-4 to Cowbridge. An impressive win.

Player of the match: Year-11 Caitlin Allin.

HOCKEY
THE year-9 hockey team played Bro Morgannwg for their first game of

the season at home on Thursday, September 15.

The Bro Morgannwg girls got off to a strong start, forcing Cowbridge to defend solidly for the first 10 minutes, with goalkeeper Hannah Lee making vital saves.

Cowbridge settled into the second 10 minutes well, with some excellent linking play from Hannah Lister-Sims in midfield through to Ellie-Eddy Williams in attack, enabling her to cross the ball to Rosa Hartman coming in from the right wing to score.

In the third quarter of the match, some team changes saw Emily Davies come on into defence and Evie Williams into attack. Emily worked solidly in the defensive line and clear the ball to the wings, enabling Evie Williams to capitalise and score Cowbridge's second goal.

In the final quarter, Bro Morgannwg came back fighting and again the defence of Shelley May, Alice Tudor and Caitlin Jones were tested. Excellent work rate and defence from Millie Green in mid-field enabled the Cowbridge team to hold on until the last two attacks, when Bro Morgannwg finally proved too strong and

snuck a goal in.

The game finished 2-1 to Cowbridge. A great win, well done girls!

Player of the match: Millie Green.

Senior – The senior hockey team played against Brynrefail on September 21. There were two hat-tricks for Katie Howson and Molly Llewellyn.

In the year 8 and 9 race, Seren Allin (year-8) continued her success in the Cardiff and Vale League and came home first by a clear margin.

Second home for Cowbridge was Nadine James (year-9) in an excellent 4th place and Ela Emry (year-9) in 12th and Rebecca Thomas (year-9) in 14th, to complete the team Cerys Bradshaw (year-7s) and Alice Tudor (year-9) came 27th and 28th respectively.

Other positions were Tilly Hall (year-9) 38th, Ffion Vickers (year-9) 41st, Alicia Thomas (year-8) 42nd, Brooke Langton Cryer (year-9) 49th, Jemma Viney (year-8) 52nd, Eleanor Hicks (year-9) 64th, Niamh Jenkins (year-8) 71st, Sally Gambling (year-9) 82nd and Eleanor Farr (year-8) 112th.

In the senior race (year 10-13) Fiona Bray was first home for Cowbridge in year-12 was first home for Cowbridge in seventh place, followed by Miriam Bennett (year-11) in 18th, Jessica Jaques (year-11) in 20th, Rachel Bradshaw (year-12) in 28th, Rebecca John (year-11) 42nd, Ffion Hopkin (year-10) in 54th and Megan Langton Cryer (year-10) in 56th place.

The girls, not being used to it, struggled with their passing throughout the game.

Howells attacked well from the first whistle and scored an early goal.

During the first half, Howells did not give Cowbridge's attack any ball, Hetty Bredd and Sophia Harpin played brilliantly in goal, saving many more shots. Megan Duncombe also played well getting the ball out of defence but the opposition always managed to intercept.

Howells scored a late goal in the first half so at half-time, the score was 2-0.

In the second half, Cowbridge attack had more chances but the Howells sweeper was very strong and only once allowed Jemma Viney a shot on goal which their goalie saved.

Again, Hetty, Megan and Sophia Harpin played excellently in defence, however, Howells managed to score two more goals, making the final score 4-0.

Players of the match: Hetty Bredd and Sophia Harpin.

CROSS COUNTRY

THE first cross country event in the Cardiff and Vale league took place at Bryn Hafren in true cross country conditions (wet!).

In year-7, Lowri Morgan had an excellent

race and came in first for

Cowbridge and seventh

overall, closely followed

by Sanant Emry in ninth,

Sophie Oddy came 17th,

Selina Radcliffe 37th,

Jasmine Emery 43rd,

Esme Freeman 44th to

complete the A team.

Also competing:

Charlotte Bunney 47th, Rhiannon Medlicott 53rd, Molly Gambling 78th and Megan Roberts 92nd. A great first cross country for the year-7s.

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Lloyd Williams and his family.

Lloyd came off the

bench for Wales for the

final 20 minutes of the

World Cup game against

Namibia and capped a

fantastic performance with a fine try.

He went on to score a

second against Fiji.

After the Namibia game, with more than 100 year-7 pupils crammed into the PE teaching room during lesson 1 on Monday, Mr Thomas and Mr Hopkins decided that this would be an ideal opportunity for the pupils to experience some much-needed video analysis.

The noise from A1L was deafening as Lloyd came on to the pitch to make his world cup debut. After witnessing an outstanding performance from Lloyd, many of the pupils left the room with new hopes and expectations that they could one day replicate their new idol; what a wonderful example Lloyd has set all of our pupils.

He and brother Tom can often be seen putting in hours of hard work on the Cowbridge fields, perfecting skills under the watchful eye of proud father and former British Lion, Brynmor Williams.

This story clearly highlights that with a positive attitude, hard work and determination, you can achieve all of your dreams.

Well done Lloyd! Everyone associated with Cowbridge Comprehensive School is extremely proud of you and we wish you good luck for the rest of the tournament.

Year-7 and 8 rugby teams both got off to a winning start.

The year-7s and 8s played their first rugby of the year, and both got off to a winning start. Llanwit Major was the first test for both teams, and the school is proud to say they passed with flying colours.

The year-7s won 49-0, and played extremely well in their first game as a team.

All players tried their best, worked hard, and it was brilliant to see so many boys turn up and play for the school team.

The year-8s won 50-

22 and it was clear to see that they had really gelled last year in year-7s, and are progressing into a strong team.

As was the case with the year-7s, it was extremely encouraging to see more than 25 boys turn up and play for the school team.

Well done year-7 and 8, keep on attending training and working hard, and I'm sure this will be the first win of many!

CRICKET

THE school staff team entertained touring team Whitminster Cricket Club from Gloucestershire last weekend.

Unfortunately, the new pitch on the new site was not ready, so the game was played at the cattle market pitch, where the grass in the outfield was rather long.

This did not detract from a very close game as Whitminster batted first, scoring 113 for 9 with wickets shared by Mr Chris Cox (two), Mr Duncan Jones (two), Mr Charles Pleasants (two) and Mr Glen Williams.

The highlight of the staff fielding performance was of director of cricket, Mr Gareth Evans with three top class stumpings.

In reply, the staff got off to a poor start, losing Dan Lewis, Hugh Williams and Gethin Davies early on, but Tom Francis and Mr Steve McQuade repaired the damage with a partnership to finish on 98 for 8.

Hopefully, next year Whitminster will have the opportunity of playing at the new school.

The school First XI cricket team have won a special award for cricket, to be presented at the XL Club 75th anniversary dinner to be held at the Savoy Hotel London on October 14.

The award covers the whole of Wales as one of the 14 districts in Britain.

The Forty Club District Shield is awarded to Cowbridge Comprehensive School as the only comprehensive school that plays against this club in Wales.

This is for the manner that the players play the game and to the high standard that they have achieved for many years, developing international, county and top level cricketers.

Adam Wood (captain) and Glen Williams will attend this 75th anniversary dinner at the Savoy Hotel to collect the award.

Well done to all players over many years that have contributed to this special award.

Triumph for president Geraint



Winners David Taylor and Geraint Davies with guest Colin Morris and David John.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, held last Thursday at Morlais Castle Golf Club near Merthyr, attracted 37 competitors, all trying their best to return home with one of the many excellent prizes supplied by the day's sponsors, Arthur John & Co Ltd of Cowbridge.

Unfortunately, the 'Castle' at Morlais built in the year 1270 by Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Gloucester, is now just a ruin, with only part of the walls still visible, and these are adjacent to the fairway of the third hole.

The course itself offers magnificent views over the Brecon Beacons National Park and, in particular, Pen y Fan, the highest peak in southern Britain, standing at 2,907 feet above sea level.

The sight of the Brecon railway steam train meandering through the woods towards the Ponsticill

Reservoir was another reason for members to remember their visit Martin McGranahan, a guest of Clive Edwards. Martin's only other appearance with the society

Davies, however, was not one to allow the many distractions to affect his concentration and remained focused throughout, trying to win for the first time, after trying for 25 years, the Arthur John & Co Cup.

His final score of 33 points was good enough to see off the challenge of Ray Howells, who finished runner-up also with 33.

In third place with 30 points was Mike King, whose back nine score of 18 points proved just enough to see off the challenge of Neil McLean who also finished with 30 points.

Guest has top score of the day

YOUNG David Taylor easily won the guests section when returning 36 points, with Gareth Perkins finishing runner-up with 30. Rhidian Harris, with 29, finished third.

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LAST-MINUTE SHOCK FOR PORTHCAWL

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PORTHCAWL

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James Wheatley being lifted by David Saines.

Pyle Youth just run out of time

MAESTEG CELTIC YOUTH 30
PYLE YOUTH 23

PYLE visited Maesteg Celtic in what was an entertaining and close league game.

The whole match was played with high intensity and both sets of players attacked at every opportunity. From the start, Celtic used their bigger forwards to drive into the Pyle half, where they were awarded a penalty which was slotted over.

Pyle came back with some good forward work of their own and were rewarded with a penalty when a Celtic tackler failed to roll away; Kyle O'Reilly was successful with the kick.

Celtic then entered a period of dominance with their forwards doing some heavy damage to the Pyle defence and they were rewarded with two easy tries which were also converted.

Unlike last season, though, Pyle kept their heads up and worked hard at closing the deficit. When a scrum was awarded just outside the Celtic 22, Pyle moved the ball quickly through the hands for full-back Rhys Ansen to dive over in the corner. Unfortunately for Pyle, O'Reilly missed the conversion and two further penalty chances.

The second half start-

Jon Rimmer (centre and captain) is tackled and looks for support from Sean Simmonds (left) and Stephen Phillips (right).

Photographs by TRACEY WILLIAMS.

IT was injury time heartbreak for the Seaweeds on Saturday as Tonna stole the result by the narrowest of margins.

It all started so well for Porthcawl as in their first attack, they moved to within striking distance, giving wing Sean Simmonds the chance to saunter over in the corner for the opening try, his fourth in three matches.

With the front row of the returning Dai Saines, Steve Phillips and Jamie Fry working their socks off at the scrums, and James Wheatley securing good lineout ball, Porthcawl's lighter pack supplied a steady stream of possession for Mathew Roberts to get his backs moving.

However, it was the home side that took advantage the better as they posted two penalties and an easy corner try following sustained pressure, and at 11-5

ed badly for Pyle with captain Daniel Forrester being yellow-carded for an infringement at a ruck. This allowed Celtic to move the ball into the Pyle 22 and over the try line, only for the ball to be held up. From the resulting scrum, Celtic tried to move the ball out wide, but Ansen intercepted a pass and ran the length of the field for a try under the posts, O'Reilly adding the extra points.

With Forrester still off the field, Celtic quickly replied with a drive-over try by the Celtic captain, the conversion also being successful, and this was quickly followed by another successful penalty.

Pyle rallied again and some good running by centre Jamie Townsend got them into the Celtic half where they were awarded a penalty. O'Reilly duly slotting it.

With time running out, Pyle tried to move the ball up the field but lost it and Celtic kicked into touch to end the game.

Rhys Ansen was awarded the Pyle man of the match award for his two well-taken tries and dogged tackling throughout the game. Jamie Townsend and Kyle O'Reilly were the other players of note for Pyle.

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Athletic under-11s are in fine form at Maesteg

THE Ath under-11s played away against Maesteg Celtic and kicked off, putting Maesteg under some good pressure.

Both teams were well matched and showed some great attacking and defending skills, but it was the Ath who managed to break the deadlock.

Charles Creffield was set free to score after the Ath moved the ball well through the hands. Kasari Mehta kicked the conversion to make it 7-0.

Both teams continued to play well in the energy sapping heat with no further points being scored before half-time.

The Ath made several changes at half-time and Maesteg got the second half under way. The Ath came out of the blocks and were camped in the Maesteg half. Some resolute defending from the home team prevented the Ath from scoring on several occasions.

Eventually the pressure was too much and Connor Fabian managed to score a well-taken try. Jamie Marshall converted to make it 14-0.

More intense pressure from the Ath saw Dan O'Sullivan score. Connor

Fabian kicked the conversion to make it 21-0.

Maesteg managed to defend their line for a long period with the Ath pushing forward at every opportunity. Just before the end of the game, the Ath managed to score three tries in quick succession. The first was scored by Dan O'Sullivan who made a great run to get over the line. Kasari Mehta converting to make it 28-0.

Straight from the kick-off, Dan O'Sullivan completed his hat trick by crashing over to score. Connor Fabian converted to extend the lead to 35-0.

The final try was scored by captain Thomas Anthony after some more great play from the Ath. Connor Fabian converted to make the final score Bridgend Ath 42 Maesteg Celtic 0.

Ath: Jack Obbard, Tayo Fillis, Thomas Anthony, Jamie Marshall, Brandyn Fooks, Sam Veasey, William Goodall, Dafydd Beech, Ffion Revill, Connor Fabian, Kasari Mehta, Taine Waite, Louis King, Josh Tidy, Jack Jenkins, Jack Mustoe, Sion Vigus, Dan O'Sullivan, Megan Webb, Thomas Reed, Gwilym John.

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*RIGHT:
Sean Simmonds
looks for a way
through.*



Jon Rimmer (centre and captain) is tackled and looks for support from Sean Simmonds (left) and Stephen Phillips (right).

Photographs by TRACEY WILLIAMS.

The Phoenix are brought to earth in Caernarfon



Louise Jones.

PHOTOS by
JULIE
HANCOCK

CAERNARFON
PENCOED PHOENIX

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Nerys Lloyd.

PHOENIX left sunny Pencoed early Sunday morning for a long drive north to Caernarfon.

It was straight off the coach with time for a 20-minute warm-up before the game. With early pressure from Phoenix, a well-worked forwards effort saw a try by Louise Jones.

Caernarfon responded quickly to that pressure with a try and conversion to take the lead, and they increased their lead in the first half, with Phoenix kicking the ball away to Caernarfon's better running players.

Despite Phoenix's limited number of players available for this game, and a few injuries which took its toll again, they started the second half with good, strong pressure and pure guts from the forwards.

On a glorious sunny day at Mumbles, Pencoed were caught cold in the opening 10 minutes, conceding two tries.

Outside half Marc Davies opened Pencoed's account with a penalty goal, but Mumbles got their third try, with full back Fisher, who proceeded to carve up the Pencoed ranks on the counter and stretch the home lead to 36-16.

The Pencoed pack, however, had the last word, again mauling

strongly for prop forward Nicky Hawkins to cross. Davies converted for a final scoreline of 36-23.

The Pencoed squad will reflect on a defensive performance which cost them dear in this match, with first up missed tackles apparent in the first three home tries.

A positive was the effort of the pack, who finished the match very strongly with No. 8 Gareth Prentice to the fore with a number of forceful carries.

On Saturday, the team play a friendly at Penlan, who occupy fourth position in Division 5 South West, as scheduled opponents BP Llandarcy unfortunately appear to be defunct.

The Second XV travel to Nantymoel for a league fixture, while the Youth team entertain Bryncethin in the amended league format.

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Kenfig Hill cruise to a well-earned victory

RIGHT: Steve Gillard crosses the line.

KENFIG HILL made heavy weather of the first 20 minutes against last year's Division Three West champions Crymych, who showed grit and determination in defence and were close to scoring on three occasions in this period, only for the solid Mules defence to deny them.

The deadlock was broken when some quick thinking by Kenfig Hill scrum-half Tom Briggs saw him score near the posts, with outside-half Raymond Evans converting.

Crymych dropped out, Kenfig Hill attacked and from a kick ahead, full-back Matthew Tossell sped through to touch down, Evans adding the conversion.

The visitors went on the offensive and from a forward melee near the line, second row Cennydd James went

over for a try, converted by outside-half Ianto Griffiths.

Kenfig Hill responded in the best possible way with some slick inter-passing which saw left winger Ben Clarke cross for a try again converted by Evans.

This gave a half-time score of Kenfig Hill 21 Crymych 7.

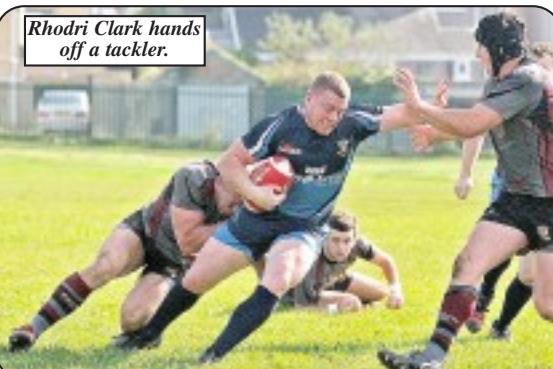
Kenfig Hill scored almost straight from the kick off through all action flanker Steve Gillard, converted by Evans, followed almost immediately by a forward-orientated try when Thomas Maund took the final pass on the visitors' 25 and powered his way through the covering defence, Evans adding that conversion too.

Mathew Tossell showed some delicate running skills for his second try of the game, ghosting through the covering defence, with Evans converting.

Kenfig Hill then scored a pushover try from a five-yard scrum with No 8 Derwyn Rees



Rhodri Clark hands off a tackler.



Photographs by PETER GILLING

getting the final touch of the ball, Evans converting.

Crymych didn't give up and a superb passing move between backs and forwards from their own 25 saw Cennydd James cross for his second try of the game.

In a grandstand finish, Tom Briggs scored his second try of the game, converted by Evans to

give a final score of Kenfig Hill 61 Crymych 12.

Raymond Evans was named as the referee's man of the match, as well as winning the Prince of Wales dinner for two.

There was an outstanding display in the centre by Chris Tossell, while fellow centre Rhodri Clark also played well.

Again the forwards played well as a unit against some strong opposition.

ST PETERS
SECOND XV 21
KENFIG HILL
SECOND XV 30

THERE was a man of the match performance by Dan Wright in this superb away performance.

The whole team played well as a unit with a good blend of age and experience on the field, with good performances by Richard Underhill and Matthew Bater and Owen Davies shining at outside-half.

BRIDGEND ATH
YOUTH 24
CORNELLY/
KENFIG HILL 30

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Ath under-11s cruise to win

BRIDGEND Athletic under-11s played Porthcawl at home.

The Ath got the game underway and were soon putting pressure on the Porthcawl defence.

Good hands from the Ath backs lead to Daffydd Beech scoring in the corner. Kasari Mehta converted to make it 7-0.

The Ath kicked off and were soon back in possession and Jack Obbard found space to go over and score for the home side.

Kasari Mehta stepped up and kicked the conversion to make it 14-0.

The Ath were playing some good rugby and Thomas Anthony was next to score after another good move; Mehta converted to make it 21-0 to the Ath.

The Ath continued to pressure

Porthcawl and Dan O'Sullivan was next to score after the team showed some great handling to release him. Once again Kasari Mehta kicked the conversion to make it 28-0.

The final try of the half was scored by Jamie Marshall after another good passing move by the Ath; Mehta converted making it 35-0.

The second half saw the Ath carry on from where they left off in the first half, and it wasn't long before Thomas Anthony was put free to score a well-taken try.

Connor Fabian stepped up to convert, making the score 42-0.

The Ath kept pressing and Connor Fabian broke the defence well with a good run and went over to score; he then stepped up to kick the conversion, making it 49-0 to the Ath.

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Ath Seconds grab losing bonus point

BARFC Second XV

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Hooker and captain Nathan Holman.

Photos by GLENNSPORTS



ABOVE: Flanker Sam Treherne tears through the opposition.



Centre Nick Hinton.

BOTH sides played attacking rugby on a very hot October day, but Bridgend Athletic Second XV had to settle for a losing bonus point.

The game was closely fought with the students holding a 14-11 interval lead with two converted tries. At this stage, outside-half Tom Cole had raced 70 metres for an interception try and centre Tom Parry had added a drop goal and a penalty.

The students added a further converted try and penalty after the break, with Tom Parry keeping the Athletic in the game with another three penalties.

Parry and fellow centre Nick Hinton were the pick of the Athletic backs, with hooker Lee Murphy and flanker Stuart Edbrook the pick of the pack.

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Pencoed gain good away win in first round of Ospreys Cup

THE elements were against Pencoed under-15s as they drove up to Nantyffyllon recently for their first Ospreys cup match.

Despite the rain, Lewis Brennan was able to score the first try of the day, followed by a conversion from Alex King.

Ellis Griffiths got Pencoed's second try, followed by a penalty for Nantyffyllon, which ended the first half.

New boy Cole Lewis scored his first try for Pencoed, followed by another try

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Pencoed on top in under-11 rugby derby

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A SHORT trip to Tondu saw these youngsters put in their best display of the season so far.

lent quick ball with a rocket pass so Sam Costelow could dictate the play.

Newcomer Connor Mellish had another great performance with dynamic tackling.

Triathlete Cael Chamberlain showed his fitness by being involved in every combination

adapted to this format and led the tackle count, while Tom Bending, playing at full back, quickly opened the scoring from the kick off.

Tondu were playing a tight forwards game but Pencoed were dominating the break down with excellent work again from Ben Jones and Ben Sullivan at the rucks.

Rhys Spurgeon keeps putting in game-winning performances, with flyers Tyron Harding and Jonathon Carr running in the tries; a record for the season saw Jonathon run in four touchdowns.

Another great team performance at the whistle saw Pencoed deserving winners.

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PYLE AND KENFIG GOLF CLUB NEWS

Finals day at club



LEFT:
The Rosser
Cup finalists
David Jones,
Mark Williams,
Mark
Furneaux and
Gareth
Tatchell, with
club captain
Tony Price.



ABOVE: Club championship finalists
Jonathan Stone and Matthew Peet.



ABOVE: Tom Furneaux, Tony Price
and Jamie Jones.

CLUB championship finals day at P&K is never predictable. Favourites get beaten; matches which appear to be over suddenly have a change of direction, and this year was no exception.

In the club championship, Matthew Peet, a regular winner in previous years, was seven up at one stage, only for his opponent, Jonathan Stone, to stage the fightback of a lifetime and take the match to the 36th hole. However, experience prevailed and Matthew won the day.

In the Liscombe Cup final, Clive Richard beat Nick Evans. Returning junior Nick Evans could not quite do it, as he lost a ball on the 14th hole but still took the match to the 36th hole.

The Junior Club Championship resulted in quite a big win for the in-form Tom Furneaux over the highly-rated Jamie Jones.

Jamie works in the professional shop and

has suffered severe leg pulling since the match. Tom, half Jamie's size, proved that sometimes a good little 'un can beat a good big 'un.

The Graham Bowl saw Wynne Evans beat Darryl James on the 36th hole.

The standard of golf was extremely high, with Darryl playing off two and Wynne playing off 11.

The Rosser Cup is a foursomes competition where the two players hit alternate shots. This year, the final was a classic, requiring nine extra holes to separate the pairs.

David Jones and Mark Williams three-putted the 16th, and then lost the 17th, where they were conceding a shot.

On the 36th hole, it looked as if Mark Furneaux and Gareth Tatchell were about to win the match when Mark sank a 20-foot putt to take the match into extra holes. However, David and Mark eventually prevailed on the 45th.

In the Minnows Cup, Ben Vance Daniel beat



ABOVE: Match referee John Savile
with Graham Bowl finalists Darryl
James and Wynne Evans.

Rhodri Booth by 3 to 1 in a very close match. Ben is now 'enjoying' a cut in handicap, while Rhodri looks forward to playing in the junior match play final.

Normally, the Sker Salver final is played on finals day, but Darryl James was in the final of the Graham Bowl, which meant that the Salver final had to be played on

another day.

Darryl won this prestigious competition, beating Russell Adams on the final hole.

Readers are reminded

that a warm welcome awaits you whether or not you have played golf before. Contact the club on 01656 783093/771613 or e-mail secretary@pandkgolfclub.co.uk

Bridgend six-a-side football round-up



NO TEA
TONIGHT recorded a commanding victory in the Bridgend six-a-side Sunday Premier Division as they eased past the challenge of Hangover Heroes by four goals to nil.

West House FC continue to top the charts however as they saw off Atlético Bridgend 2-0, while Llanharan were big winners in Division One, 4-0 against Better Than Inter.

In the Bridgend Wednesday six-a-side football league, The

Invincibles showed just 0, thanks largely to why they are yet to drop a point and hammered rock bottom Gunt FC 11-0, although ABCDEF also maintained their 100 per cent record too, and eased out FC Ogmore 3-

BRYNCETHIN under-11s welcomed their near neighbours the Valley Ravens for an informal training match.

This gave all the Bryncethin players a run out and enabled the small in number, but very committed players from the Ravens, to get some rugby under their belts.

A pulsating encounter followed with flowing rugby from both teams. Both sets of players contributed fully with the action going from end to end. Defences were tenacious and the Ravens' coaches should



ABOVE: The successful Pyle and Kenfig ladies' first team.

PYLE AND KENFIG LADIES' SECTION COMPETITIONS

PYLE and Kenfig Golf Club - ladies section:

Bridget Power Cup/Hayes Cup: Winners - Teri Ward and Irene Jones; cup presented by Ross Cooper.

Bronze championship: Winner - Teri Ward; runner-up - Dr Ceri Mohajer.

Bragg cup: Winners - Marlene Morgan and Roger Parsons; runners up - Anita Evans and Alan Lavelle; third - Lucy Evans and Ken Evans.

Fruit Shield: Winners - Pam Saville and Liz Attwood; runners up - Mary Ellis and Cheryl Western.

Club Champion: Winner - Ella Griffiths; Runner up - Alison Hurry.

FIRST TEAM REPORT

IT has been a marvellous year for the first team; we qualified for the Welsh team championships at Creigiau, beating



ABOVE: Lady captain Liz Attwood (right) and club champion Ella Griffiths.

WHAT a fabulous season Pyle and Kenfig ladies' second team have had in 2011.

The team have won all five of their home matches, and of the five away matches, we won at Cottrell Park and at the Grove, halved with Wenvoe and narrowly lost the other two matches at Cardiff and Fairwood Park.

In total, we scored 17.5 points, and I am

extremely proud that we are moving up a division next season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the second team players, reserves, and reserves of the reserves, for their dedication to play for the team in all sorts of weather, and especially for the girls who stood by for each match; well done, girls!

SUE FORBES
(Second team captain)

Match day squad: Daniel Osarigie, Aaron Thomas, Keiran Dixon, Luke Thomas, Scott Ryall, Josh Napper, Jack Thomas, Morgan Stevens, Scott Murrell, Rhys Davies, Morgan Rimmon, Finlay Mullens, Tomas Jones and Tobias Hunt.

Man of the match: A faultless kicking display and a mature all-round performance from Jack Thomas.

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Bryncethin warm up against Ravens

take great heart in the efforts of all their charges.

Aaron Thomas (4), Scott Murrell (3) and Keiran Dixon (2) were the pick of the scorers with support from Scott Ryall and Tomas Jones.

The coaches of Bryncethin wish the coaches and players of the Valley Ravens the very best of luck for the season. They have a terrific bunch of kids who played with plenty of skill and no little heart.

It is hoped that any children from the area who wish to take part will look to support their local club.

Bryncethin 61 v Nantyffyllon 19

A FEAST of running

rugby on the hottest day of the year... it must be Bryncethin in October!

A tight first half against a very competitive Nantyffyllon saw tries from Josh Napper and Morgan Stevens, both converted by the faultless Jack Thomas.

A strong response from the visitors saw a half-time score of 14-12.

The second half started in a similar vein with the action moving from end to end. Exceptional defence by Scott Murrell inspired his teammates to repel the Nanty attacks with Finlay Mullens, Tomas Jones and Keiran Dixon all putting some super tackling in.

A fantastic display

from the Bryncethin youngsters was only spoiled by a number of injuries picked up during the second half, and it is hoped that they all make a speedy recovery.

Yet another display of clinical finishing from Scott Murrell saw him collect three tries. Powerful running and clearing out from Morgan Rimmon and Tobias Hunt set the tone as the tries kept coming.

Scores from the outstanding Rhys Davies, Aaron Thomas, Daniel Osarigie and Luke Thomas were complemented by kicks from Jack Thomas, Finlay Mullens and Josh Napper.

Well done to the

numerous Bryncethin players who were selected for district trials over recent weeks, with particular mentions for Scott Ryall and Daniel Osarigie for progressing as far as they have so far.

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The family wish to thank everyone for their kind words and support and for attending Paul's funeral.

Also grateful thanks to the emergency services who attended to Paul.

Also to Arthur from W A Brown, Funeral Directors, for his great support.

Mel Roberts

Gaynor, Sheryl and Barrie would like to thank all their family and many friends for their kindness and support during this sad time. Special thanks go to the Llantwit Major Rugby Club, for everything they have done for us, and to the staff at WA Brown & Son for all the funeral arrangements.

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William Andrew

Peacefully on September 27 at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry, William Andrew of Llantwit Major. Beloved husband of Nancy, dearly loved father of Russell, Denise and Leighton, a much loved grandfather and great-grandfather.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday October 7, service 10.45am at St Illtud Church, Llantwit Major followed by cremation at Coyerchurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to College Fields Nursing Home (for the comfort of residents) c/o James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH)
WITH LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Vacancy exists on the above named Council

LLANBLETHIAN EAST WARD

The Council, in accordance with Section 21(1)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1985, shall fill this vacancy by way of co-option.

Any* qualifying Local Government elector who is interested in the possibility of being co-opted onto the Town Council should inform the undersigned in writing no later than

1.00 pm Friday 21st October 2011

*Please note that it is not a requirement to reside within the Ward.
Dated this 6th October 2011.
Mr Andrew Davies, Town Clerk
Cowbridge (Ancient Borough)
with Llanblethian Town Council
Town Hall, 21 High Street, Cowbridge CF71 7AD

Barry Pumas maintain their winning form

BARRY Pumas racked up three league points after dominating Whitchurch-based team Maltsters Arms.

Pumas managed to pass the ball despite the wet conditions and broke the deadlock on the 15-minute mark when Matthew Davie burst through the defence to slot the ball past the keeper.

On-form winger Brian Gillen got the second goal when his shot from 20 yards out found the corner of

the net.

Davie added another goal just before half time when he tapped in a Scott Christopher cross.

With only a bare 11 players, Pumas fought hard in the second half but couldn't add any further goals.

Stand-in goalkeeper Dean Hyde earned himself the man of the match award with some fine saves, and they ran out 3-0 winners.

MORGAN STEPHENS

Gellir cael copi o'r Hysbysiad hwn mewn print bras gan Lywodraeth Cymru, Trafnidiaeth, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd CF10 3NQ.

Deddf Cynllunio Gwlad A Thref 1990

Gorchymyn Cau Prifffyrdd (Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, Pen-Y-Bont Ar Ogwr) 2011

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Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r Hysbysiad ar wefan Lywodraeth Cymru yn ymau cynnu gofynnol (Datholol: Deddfheiraethol-oddeidhwaeth/Ollygymru Amstutod Draddi/Gorchymyn Cau Prifffyrdd: DCGI, 2011).

M D BURNELL
Llywodraeth Cymru

ATODLEN Atodlen 1

(Brai amcan yw pob misuried)

Disgrifiad o'r rhannau o brrifordd sydd i'w chw a dan y Gorchymyn hwn

Rhan afreolaidd ei siâp o brrifordd sy'n ymestyn o gyffordd Chelsea Avenue a'r ffordd bengaeag sy'n gwasanaethu pltoiau 12 i 26, Chelsea Avenue i ddiwedd y man troi sy'n gwasanaethu pltoiau 12 i 26, sy'n 40.5 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 14 o fetrau ym ei man llafaf ac y mae cyfarorwm ei anwynebedd yn 275 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhani 1 ar y plan a adnewydd.

Rhan afreolaidd ei siâp o brrifordd sy'n ymestyn o gyffordd Chelsea Avenue a'r ffordd bengaeag sy'n gwasanaethu pltoiau 52 i 82, Chelsea Avenue i ddiwedd y cylch troi, sy'n gwasanaethu pltoiau 52 i 82, sy'n 26 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 16.3 o fetrau ym ei man llafaf ac y mae cyfarorwm ei anwynebedd yn 275 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhani 2 ar y plan a adnewydd.

Rhan afreolaidd ei siâp o brrifordd sy'n ymestyn o gyffordd Chelsea Avenue a'r ffordd bengaeag sy'n gwasanaethu pltoiau 27 i 59, Chelsea Avenue i ddiwedd y man troi, sy'n gwasanaethu pltoiau 27 i 59, sy'n 20.6 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 18.7 o fetrau ym ei man llafaf ac y mae cyfarorwm ei anwynebedd yn 228 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhani 3 ar y plan a adnewydd.

Rhan afreolaidd ei siâp o brrifordd sy'n ymestyn o gyffordd Chelsea Avenue a'r ffordd bengaeag sy'n gwasanaethu pltoiau 108 i 122, Chelsea Avenue i ddiwedd y cylch troi, sy'n gwasanaethu pltoiau 108 i 122, sy'n 31.5 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 18.6 o fetrau ym ei man llafaf ac y mae cyfarorwm ei anwynebedd yn 338 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhani 4 ar y plan a adnewydd.

Rhan afreolaidd ei siâp o brrifordd sy'n ymestyn o ddechrau'r cylch troi ym gyfanig i blto 154, Chelsea Avenue i ddiwedd y cylch troi y tu allan i blto 157, Chelsea Avenue, sy'n 24.9 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 18.6 o fetrau ym ei man llafaf ac y mae cyfarorwm ei anwynebedd yn 327 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhani 5 ar y plan a adnewydd.

Atodlen 2

Y ddisgrifiad

Ai ddisgrifiad y ddisgrifiad tali cymdeithasol presennol i ddarparu 116 o anheddau sy'n gofio cau'r rhifedd pancaead presennol presennol gan osod yn ei le ymlyn priffford newydd yn Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, yn Mynediadol Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr yn unol â chaniatâd cynllunio a roddwyd o dan Ran II o Deddf 1990 gan Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr a Mehefin 2011 o dan y cyfeirnod R09/687/FUL.

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Town And Country Planning Act 1990

The Stopping Up Of Highways (Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, Bridgend) Order 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Welsh Ministers have made an Order under section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to authorise the stopping up of the area of highway described in Schedule 1 to this Notice.

The stopping up is authorised only in order to enable development to be carried out as described in Schedule 2 to this Notice. The Order will cease to have effect if the planning permission expires or is revoked.

Copies of the Order and the deposited plan may be inspected free of charge during normal office hours at Bridgend Reference and Information Centre, Tŷ'r Ardd, Sunnyside, Bridgend CF31 4MR or may be obtained free of charge from the address below quoting reference C2510-5-53-qA9419191.

If any person desires to question the validity of the Order, or of any of the provisions contained therein, on the grounds:

- a. that it is not within the powers of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; or

- b. that their interests have been substantially prejudiced by a failure to comply with any of the requirements of the Act;

that person may, within 6 weeks of 6 October 2011, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained therein.

A copy of the Order and Notice can be viewed at www.wales.gov.uk (Select: Legislation/Subordinate legislation/Non-Statutory Instruments/Transport Wales/ TORA Stopping Up Orders, 2011).

M D BURNELL
Welsh Government

SCHEDULES

Schedule 1

(All measurements are approximate)

Description of the areas of highway to be stopped up under this Order

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 12 to 26, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning head serving plots 12 to 26, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 40.5 metres, a maximum width of 14 metres, a total area of 271 square metres, and identified as area 1 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 52 to 82, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning circle serving plots 52 to 82, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 26 metres, a maximum width of 16.3 metres, a total area of 275 square metres, and identified as area 2 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 27 to 59, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning circle serving plots 27 to 59, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 20.6 metres, a maximum width of 16.7 metres, a total area of 228 square metres, and identified as area 3 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 108 to 122, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning circle serving plots 108 to 122, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 31.5 metres, a maximum width of 18.3 metres, a total area of 334 square metres, and identified as area 4 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the start of the turning circle adjacent to plot 154, Chelsea Avenue to the end of the turning circle outside plot 157, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 24.9 metres, a maximum width of 18.6 metres, a total area of 327 square metres, and identified as area 5 on the deposited plan.

Schedule 2

The Development

Redevelopment of existing social housing development to provide 116 dwellings involving the stopping up of existing residential cul-de-sacs to be replaced by a new highway layout at Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, in the County Borough of Bridgend in accordance with planning permission granted under Part III of the Act of 1990 by the Council on 1 June 2011 under reference R09/687/FUL.



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Major are victorious in the battle of the Llantwits

ON a beautiful Saturday afternoon it was the battle of the two Llantwits, with Llantwit Major AFC travelling to Llantwit Fardre.

The first ten minutes saw end to end football, but with neither team managing to keep possession, nor having a reasonable shot on target.

The Major were then awarded a free kick on the edge of the Fardre box, taken by Pratt and resulting in a good header from Robinson which struck a defender and went over the crossbar.

This chance was quickly followed by a great through ball to Mortimer on the right, who found Nash in a good position but his shot was well saved by the home goalkeeper.

Leigh Pratt was having a great game in midfield, Nicky Cox played a great ball through to Faux, who was unmarked on the right wing, and scored a great goal, beating the Fardre keeper with a precision shot into the corner.

The home side battled back and were soon awarded a dangerous free kick, but the shot was pulled wide.

The visitors were getting more and more possession and playing some of their best football of the season creating several good chances for Wayne Faux and Sean Nash.

Robinson found Mortimer unmarked, but his shot went wide.

The half time whistle came with the Major well on top but having only scored the one goal from many chances and having by far the majority of the play.

After the break, Llantwit Fardre were quickly out of the blocks retaining possession well and having a couple of chances at goal.

Llantwit Major then got back into the game with a great break from midfield finding James Rees on the right, who in turn found the busy forward Nash, whose effort was ruled offside.

More creative play and some great battles in midfield from the visitors led to another good chance but Nash's shot was easily saved.

The Major continued with their relentless pressure, this time Nash finding Faux on his right, a great cross was met by Mortimer who headed just over the bar. The Major were playing more and more creative football in midfield and the second goal soon came from another good move down the left side, culminating with James Rees cutting inside and striking a great shot into the left corner, giving the home keeper no chance.

The Major continued to win everything in midfield and Nash unselfishly found Mortimer, who shot well resulting in a good save and a corner being awarded.

Tim Watts, the Major's manager, brought on fresh legs with Rhys Attley and Lee Jones replacing the midfield combination of Wayne Faux and James Rees.

Attley was quickly into the action breaking clear and finding Mortimer who struck well bringing another good save from the Fardre keeper, the ball striking the crossbar and out for a corner.

With ten minutes to go the Major skipper Lindsay, rested on the bench this week, replaced Mortimer upfront, and was soon into the play finding Dean Cleave who struck another good shot onto the bar.

Attley eventually got his name on the score-sheet when just before the final whistle he found himself one on one with the keeper and his scuffed shot found the net.

The Major keep their six point lead at the top of the table with both their rivals also winning away from home.

The man of the match could have gone to any of the visiting players, but this week it was the industrious Sean Nash.

Team: Lansdown, Garrett, Robinson, Cox, Shaw, Faux, Cleave, Rees, Pratt, Mortimer, Nash, Lindsay, Attley, Jones, Clement and Vincent.

The next game is at home to Hirwaun and Mackworth in the second round of the Seniors Cup, of which Llantwit Major are currently the holders.

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PGA at Southerndown

THE cream of Welsh golf will descend on Southerndown next week to contest the Welsh National PGA Championship, supported by Ryder Cup Europe.

Windermere-based Simon Edwards, who lifted the title for the third time in his career at Royal St David's 12 months ago, returns to defend his crown on the back of two international

forays.

The tournament has been won by a host of leading players including Ian Woosnam, Percy Alliss, Sid Moulard and Brian Huggett.

The leading non-exempt finisher will earn a place in the Welsh team for the PGAs of Europe International Team Championship at Vale do Lobo in Portugal in November, plus a start in the 2012 Celtic Manor Wales Open.

NIPPERS CAP OFF THEIR SEASON WITH SUCCESS AT CHAMPIONSHIPS



THE end of August, and the summer lifesaving season, saw the final competition for the Llantwit Major Nippers – the GB Championships in Portreath, Cornwall.

A team of nine Nippers attended the event, along with friends and family, and the Nippers feel like they have conquered Cornwall!

"This team have never been to the British Championships before so we weren't sure what to expect," said Andy Wiggins, Nippers coach.

Among 560 Nippers competing, there were between 40 and 60 children taking part in every event.

"All of the children had to do a 1km run and as if that wasn't hard enough, half of it was over shale and the rest was on soft sand – a huge challenge for those who took part," said Andy, proud of his team's achievement.

"It just shows what competing in the GB championships means



ABOVE: It was an eventful day for the nippers.



and, therefore, this was a fantastic experience for the kids outside of their normal Nipper carnivals."

A competing team consisting of Katie Prynne, Mikey Prynne, Grace Insole, Tom Insole, Millie Wiggins, Ruby Davies, Theo Davies, Morgan Mitchem and Sean McKenna, all made the trip to Cornwall and as well as having an amazing time, they learnt some very valuable skills.

RESULTS:

Under-9 boys - Run/Wade/Run - fifth, Tom Insole; under-10 girls - Run/Wade/Run - fourth, Ruby Davies and 10th, Millie Wiggins; under-9 boys - Surf Race - seventh, Tom Insole; under-10 girls - Surf Race - 15th, Ruby Davies; under-11 girls - Surf Race - third, Grace Insole; under-10 girl -s Board Rescue - fourth, Ruby Davies and Millie Wiggins; under-10 girls Board Race - 16th, Millie Wiggins; under-10 - Flags - fifth, Millie Wiggins and third, Ruby Davies; under-11 - Flags - sixth, Grace Insole; under-10 - Sprint - second, Millie

Wiggins; under-11 - Golden Nipper - 13th, Grace Insole; under-10 - Long Run - 10th Ruby Davies; Sean McKenna did this event, fell over one of the many stones on the course, cracked the top of his nose, but still got up and did a sprint finish.

It is also worth remembering that every event a Nipper entered, they had to do it two or three times due to heats and then semi-finals and although Theo, Katie, Mikey, Morgan and Sean weren't placed in the top 16, they all entered, played a major part in the team and gained valuable experience to go forward.

Another two big results for the club saw Bleddyn Mitchem, who was dressed head to toe in Llantwit kit, come second in the under-5 Flags, and he's only three! And Lauren Prynne and Livy Insole won the sand castle competition.

Juniors: GB Youth (up to under-19) Championships –

Porthreath – August 22-23: The team of six juniors (Ellen and Tamara Pitt, Megan Osborne, Olivia Insole, Lauren Prynne and Josh McKenna) did a fantastic job at the British Championships, coming 18th out of 25 teams.

With 40-plus competitors in each age group, it was a difficult job to get into a final, let alone win a medal. With challenging surf conditions, we had some fantastic results in the Tube and Board rescues and gained a lot of experience to carry forward to next year.

Megan Osborne – gold in sprint; silver in flags; bronze in 1k; Tamara Pitt – bronze in sprint; Megan Osborne/Ellen Pitt – went up an age group to do under-17 tube rescue

and came a fantastic 10th place; Olivia Insole/Lauren Prynne – under-15 rescue tube – seventh place and 16th in the board rescue; Josh McKenna – did well in Sprint, 1k and Flags.

GB Masters: With only three masters, we came 17th out of 23 teams: Jen - fifth, sprints; Steph - first, ski, second, board, third, 1k and third, sprints; Andrea Jen and Steph, second, sprint relay.

For all Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club new member enquiries or to find out more about joining the nippers, log on to www.llantwitmajorslsc.org.uk or e-mail Sarah (membership secretary) at sarah@thomas25.orangehome.co.uk



ABOVE: Flat out in the sprint competition.

Cowbridge under-9s involved in thriller

A DAMP, dismal morning saw Cowbridge playing Tondu.

The first period kicked off with Tondu in possession, and after some strong running, Tondu crossed the line for the opening try of the game.

Forcing a turnover from Cowbridge's restart a strong run from the Tondu number 2 put pressure on the Cowbridge line again.

This time however they defended the onslaught successfully eventually pouncing onto a spilled ball.

A good period of running attacking rugby followed for Cowbridge allowing Oliver Jarmaine to even the scores at 1-1.

Tondu crossed, but Cowbridge's response

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came in the form of a try from Jake Williams.

All change for the Cowbridge team for the second period of play and a powerful performance from Tondu allowed them to score twice before Cowbridge got to grips with the defence.

A try from Jay Downes for Cowbridge brought the scores back to 4-3 before Tondu extended their lead again with the second period finishing with the scores at 5-3.

All the Cowbridge squad played during the third period.

The Cowbridge team were now moving the ball more freely through the team although both teams were still taking the direct route and not

Vale archer Mat does the double

CODE crossing local archer Mat Symmonds recently took gold at the GNAS Welsh Field Archery Championships, earning him the rare accolade of undisputed champion.

The sport of field archery operates under two codes and after spending more than 26 years shooting in the IFAA code in April, and having captured the Welsh Open 3D Championships in June, this latest championship victory made Mattheu just the third archer ever to be simultaneously the national champion in all three disciplines.

This feat was first achieved in 1977 by Huw Bumford of BP Plastics (Barry) Archers and then by Tony Lewis of Gwent Bowmen in 1990.

Mat will next be in action in December at the Telford Arena where he will contest the GNAS British Indoor Championships.

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rain when making their shots.

In the event, Mat got off to a flying start and ended the first round with a strong scoreline.

The second and final round was the marked round and again the local archer began piling on the points to cruise to the title.

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Defeat for Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society

THE annual challenge match for the inter-county golfing trophy, played between members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society and their contemporaries from Monmouthshire, was played recently at the very impressive Downton Golf Club near Chepstow.

Following their excellent success last year, much was expected from a strong squad selected by society vice-captain Lyn Thomas.

Unfortunately for the visitors their hosts were able to assemble an even stronger squad, resulting in a convincing win for the home team.

With three points at stake in each of the 11 four-ball matches, Monmouthshire started off in convincing style with Steve Waters and Peter Harris seeing off the strong challenge of Trevor Wooding and guest Barrie Melhuish to secure a 2 points to 1 victory, followed shortly after by Jonathan Davies and Graham James taking two and a half points off Chris Rooney and Glyn Watts-Jones.

With Godfrey Lewis and Keith Walker being white washed by their opponents Ken Davies and Martin Ley, and Keith James and Tony McCarthy only securing one point in their match against Alan Husband and John Anstey, the home team were racing towards the 17 points needed for an outright win.

Bryan Owen and Keith Davies

could only manage half a point against Trevor Baker and Brian Attwell, while Lyn Thomas and Brian Jones fared only marginally better, taking just one point in their match against Colin Parry and Mike Williams.

Victory was secured for the home team when Richard Few and Martin Richardson took all three points in their match against John Davies and Aubrey Thomas.

Thankfully for the Glamorgan team the last few matches out on the course produced a couple of excellent performances.

Clive Thomas, partnered by Ray Thomas, secured all three points against W Gwyn Thomas and Gerald Flannagan and another three points were salvaged by Jim Hayes and Clive Edwards against their opponents Brian Burrell and Reg Meyrick.

In the penultimate match, Gwyn Thomas and David Williams picked up two points against John Morgan and Peter O'Toole while in the final match Julian Kelly and Mike King could only muster just half a point against Andy Hilditch and Gwyn Jones.

This resulted in a convincing 20 points to 12 points victory to the Monmouthshire Farmers.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Godfrey Lewis, Graham James, Tony McCarthy and Julian Kelly, while David Williams hit the longest drive of the day on the selected hole.

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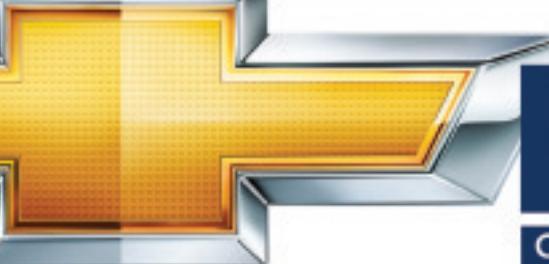
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Dinas put out of the Cup by Builth Wells

THIS was a costly result with Dinas unable to make the most of their chances in the game, while the visitors scored from two of their three strikes on goal.

The visitors caught the home defence cold, despite the heat, as early as the first minute, a Shane Claridge free-kick finding Lee James unmarked at the far post and he made no mistake heading in from eight yards.

Dinas responded with Joe Briscombe and Ricki Morgan shooting wide of goal and when a poor defensive clearance fell for Liam Jeremy on the left, his driven ball across the six yard box was cleared for an unproductive corner.

On 32 minutes a Builth free-kick, from a similar position to the one they scored from, was cleared for a corner taken by Jonny Samuel; keeper Damien Lack had to be alert to punch clear at his near post.

A few minutes later Will Green shot narrowly over the Dinas bar.

Dinas sub Mark

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Riders saddle up for challenge

TWELVE brave riders have taken up the reins in aid of the Countryside Alliance's Rural Race Challenge, which takes place during the Countryside Race Day at Ffos Las, on Sunday, October 9.

Experiencing the thrills, but hopefully not the spills, of racing will be last year's winner Alaine Francis, who romped home on *Hector's House*; and back for second helpings will be Cher Gill, Lynda Evans and Shan Cothi. Joining them will be Mickey Bowen, Craig Messenger, Rebecca Hitchcock, Nikki Evans,



Shan Cothi

Colin Evans, Rebecca Curtis who, incidentally, will be racing against her partner Gearoid Costello, and Anna Hughes, making up the field of 12.

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when a defensive clearance fell to his feet.

The home side had the final opportunity for the equaliser when he hooked a corner towards goal, but it was straight at Stuart Turpin in the Builth goal.

This proved costly when a couple of minutes later Builth doubled their lead.

A poor clearance by the home defence fell to Lee James who immediately drilled the ball low and into the corner of the net from the edge of the area.

A couple of efforts by Liam Jeremy were all Dinas could muster until a couple of minutes from full-time when Dinas produced the best move of the game.

A good ball found Dunford on the right of the area, and his inch-

Evan's winner

LLANCARFAN trainer Evan Williams landed the Beginners Chase at Sedgefield last Tuesday with his six-year-old bay gelding *Get It On*, who romped home an 18-lengths winner under stable jockey Paul Moloney.

Get It On, who is owned by Mr John Lee Jones, was well backed at odds of 11-4 and looks sure to go on to better things.

On the flat at Chepstow, Bernard Llewellyn's *Sweet World*, ridden by Martin Lane, took division two of the Lindley Catering Handicap.

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Rhoose under-13s' late winner

SULLY started well and used the advantage of the slope in the first half.

Rhoose defenders Patrick O'Carroll and Matt Cottingham remained solid at the back and linked up well with Josh Brown and Lee Bartlett in the middle of pitch.

Sully took the lead with a well-taken strike, while Rhoose upped the tempo and their pressure was rewarded when Mitch McCabe equalised from the penalty spot.

In the second half, Rhoose looked to play down the flanks with Daniel Cope and Jordan Holt both driving forward and delivering some excellent crosses.

Sully were denied the lead when goalkeeper Michael Wilson dived to his left to stop a long-range effort and Ryan Hughes sprinted back to make a

goal-line clearance.

Bradley Clayton fed the ball through to Mitch McCabe, whose effort went just wide and Joe Hopkins spread the ball well in midfield.

Rhoose grabbed the winner when Edward Thomas made a terrific long-range cross which was met by Cameron Leach, who timed his run to perfection and headed past the oncoming Sully goalkeeper.

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SKODA JOKES ARE A THING OF THE PAST

by Tim Saunders

WHEN I was small, my Dad used to enjoy telling me Skoda jokes. His witty routine would include: why does a Skoda have a heated rear windscreen? Answer: To keep your hands warm when pushing it. What do you call a soft top Skoda? Answer: A skip.

These cruel jokes weren't very fair because if nothing else, the Estelle and Favorit models of the 80s and 90s, to which these jokes referred, had more character than the mainstream competition and despite their curious looks, even these examples were pretty robust and reliable.

Since Volkswagen took over the brand in the early 90s, times have most certainly changed and if those jokes weren't relevant then, they most definitely are not now - so much so that Hampshire Constabulary runs Skoda Octavias in its fleet.



For those motorists who need a 4x4 but also want an estate, Skoda has further improved on its legendary Octavia by adding a Scout version, which was first introduced in 2007.

Basically, it has raised ride height and fixed four wheel drive - all for under £23,000.

The test car fitted with the two-litre diesel engine and six-speed automatic box makes for an extremely agile and capable vehicle.

It is easy to forget that it is a massive estate car with a spacious boot that can swallow a week's shopping and my daughter's pushchair without an issue.

This brute almost delivers 50mpg and yet has the ability to be driven long and hard, if required, and has excellent, responsive braking. I can see why the police like their Skodas.

Inside, the comfy Alcantara upholstery - a mix of leather and suede - provides a luxurious feel. However, the diesel unit is a little noisy and can be heard from inside but nevertheless, it feels a very well put together and solid car.

Parkers, the car experts, said: "The Octavia Scout is an ideal choice for 4x4 buyers looking for less bulk. There's all the practicality of the

Octavia estate but with the bonus of four-wheel drive when you need it, raised ride height and underbody protection.

"It is ideal if you only need occasional off-road ability or regular tow trailers or caravans. It also comes very well equipped as standard."

All in all, the competitively priced Scout is a great alternative to a traditional 4x4. No longer are there any jokes to be had at Skoda's expense.

Skoda Octavia Scout £22,720. Used price range: £9,258-£19,780, 2.0 TDI CR 140PS DPF 6-speed auto. Economy: 47.9 mpg. Top speed 124 mph. 0-60mph 10.1 secs.



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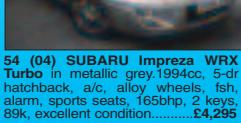
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AFTER A HEROIC BATTLE THROUGH THE 'POOL OF DEATH'... UNDERDOGS WALES AIM TO DASH THE SMILE FROM THOSE IRISH EYES!

PLEASURE and pride, laced with relief, were evident in the Wales head coach Warren Gatland's post-match reaction to Sunday's 66-0 triumph against Fiji in Hamilton, which propelled his young charges into the quarter finals of the Rugby World Cup.

The pleasure came from watching his players produce arguably the most complete 80-minute performance of his four-year reign – just when it mattered – in front of an admiring global audience of millions.

The pride stemmed from seeing them achieve this in the New Zealander's own home town, where the former All Black is a household name.

The relief stemmed from the fact that the resounding result had not only avenged Wales' humiliating exit at the hands of Fiji in the corresponding pool stage of the 2007 World Cup, but also lifted the weight of expectation from his shoulders.

The Kiwi had frankly stated before the tournament began that like his predecessor, Gareth Jenkins, he fully expected to lose his job if Wales again failed to reach the quarter finals.

In truth, though it was the minimum target set, such punitive action was extremely unlikely, given that the Welsh Rugby Union wisely extended his contract up to the next Rugby World Cup in four

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

years' time, even before the squad left for Down Under.

Even so, the issue was made irrelevant on Sunday by the clinical dismantling of the dangerous South Sea Islanders who had won 38-34 on that dark day in 2007 at Stade de la Beaujoie.

Interestingly, though it was of little comfort to the dismayed Welsh camp at the time, neutral observers voted it one of the most compelling games of free-flowing rugby ever seen in the World Cup.

Wales had won on the six previous occasions the two had met, including the 40-3 opener in 1985 and 58-14 in 2002; but on November 11 last year, battling Fiji stunned Wales again by holding them to a 16-16 draw at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff.

Ten months on, it is a different story – for much has happened since then to effect a change in the Welsh psyche and much of this has to be credited to Gatland's coaching regime.

Morale-boosting RWC warm-up wins over England and Argentina and a Polish 'deep-freeze boot camp' helped hone this fast-developing Welsh team into a super-fit fighting force, with a new-found mental and physical toughness that means they can now hold their own with the world's best.

These are the qualities that are



ABOVE: George North in action against Fiji.
PICTURE BY HUW EVANS AGENCY

now coming to the fore in this World Cup.

"We worked really hard in the close season. We wanted to be ruthless and showed this (against Fiji). It was a good balanced performance," Gatland said with typical understatement.

In fact, the game was as good as over with a bonus point in the bag before halftime. Jamie Roberts carved his way through the defence after just four minutes for a try, followed by three more from fellow centre Scott Williams, man-

of-the-match George North and dynamic skipper Sam Warburton.

Outside half Rhys Priestland landed the conversions and a penalty to make the score 31-0 at the change-over.

With the set pieces holding firm and forwards and backs linking superbly, Jamie Roberts again opened the proceedings with a try, following a powerful break by North, who like his skipper, seemed to be popping up everywhere.

Then the floodgates opened as shell-shocked Fijians found red shirts running at them from all directions.

As the Welsh replacements poured on, there were tries for hooker Lloyd Burns, Leigh Halfpenny (after an outrageous chip-ahead by prop and wannabe three-quarter Gethin Jenkins!) Lloyd Williams, and Jonathon Davies, which were converted by veteran stand-off Stephen Jones.

A 66-0 victory, including nine tries, and second place in pool D was a satisfying conclusion to Welsh efforts that had seen 180 points amassed in their four games (16-17 v South Africa; 17-10 v Samoa; 81-7 v Namibia).

Ireland's impressive 36-6 victory over Italy set up the predicted Celtic clash between the two outstanding northern hemisphere sides, in the quarter final at Eden

Park on Saturday.

The more experienced, street-wise Irish and their clutch of British Lions, on the back of their convincing win over Australia, will no doubt be seen as favourites; but rest assured, there is a lot more yet to come from this confident young Wales team and a truly enthralling battle royal is in prospect.

It promises to be yet another no-holds barred encounter, between two sides that know each other well.

With this in mind, the Welsh coaches know that there are still some problem areas to be sorted out – in particular, the high number of penalties conceded.

Fiji spurned many goal-kicking opportunities, but against Ireland careless indiscretions will not go unpunished.

In a game that could well go to the wire, indiscipline could be the factor that finally decides the outcome.

However, if this confident young Wales team can replicate the urgency and clinical control shown in their pool games, man-for-man they are infinitely capable of matching Ireland and marching on to a semi-final date with England or France.

In the words of that old sporting cliché, there is everything to play for – but whatever the result, the squad have already done Wales proud.

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Unfortunately, this time, despite 50 points being scored, it was very much one-way traffic as UWIC put a lethargic and lack-lustre Athletic side to the sword with a dynamic and ruthless performance, again in the second half.

Kenfig Hill in action



Kenfig Hill's Shaun Burnell glides past the Crymych defence - find out how they fared on page 32.

PICTURE BY PETER GILLING.

Admittedly the visitors' cause was not helped by playing 20 minutes of the match with 14 players due to two players receiving yellow cards for defensive infringements, although UWIC also had a player cooling his heels for 10 minutes in the first half after a fracas at a scrummage with Athletic prop Rod Apsee, who was the pick of the team on the day.

The first half, played in unseasonal blazing sunshine, was a closely contested affair that ended with the home side leading by six points to three; two penalties from fly-half Rhidian Thomas just edging an effort by Corey Butler.

Even at half-time the writing was on the wall as the students looked far more threatening in possession and far more committed in defence than the Ewenny Road boys.

Veterans Stuart Morris and Paul Jones tried to rally the team and captain Matthew Hillman

worked hard to lead by example, but it appears that one of those days was upon us – one in which every individual gives a great effort but where team cohesion and sense of purpose are sadly lacking.

Once the teams had turned around at half-time, with both restored to a full complement, UWIC exploded out of the blocks and secured a good position in the Athletic half.

There followed a period of sustained pressure where the ball was recycled until eventually No 8 Liam Cross shook off some weak tackling to power over for a try, converted by Thomas.

The introduction of Jonny Jones, Simon Mustoe and Matthew Norman for Paul Jones, Stuart Nation and Wayne Fooks, gave a brief boost to the Athletic's dynamism with an increase in tempo.

Mustoe, Apsee and Griff Davies made strong runs until scrum-half Tom Davies threw a neat

dummy to slip over for a home line, but a poor try that Butler converted to bring the Ath back within three points.

However, immediately from the restart, giant second row Josh Tyler of UWIC caught the ball and drove up to the Athletic 22. When flanker Callum McLeod killed the ball, he was sent to the sidelines and Thomas slotted over the three points.

Aled Thomas replaced Tom Davies and his enthusiastic charge down the ball was recycled until eventually No 8 Liam Cross shook off some weak tackling to power over for a try, converted by Thomas.

The speedster raced in for an excellent try out wide that went uncontested this time.

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